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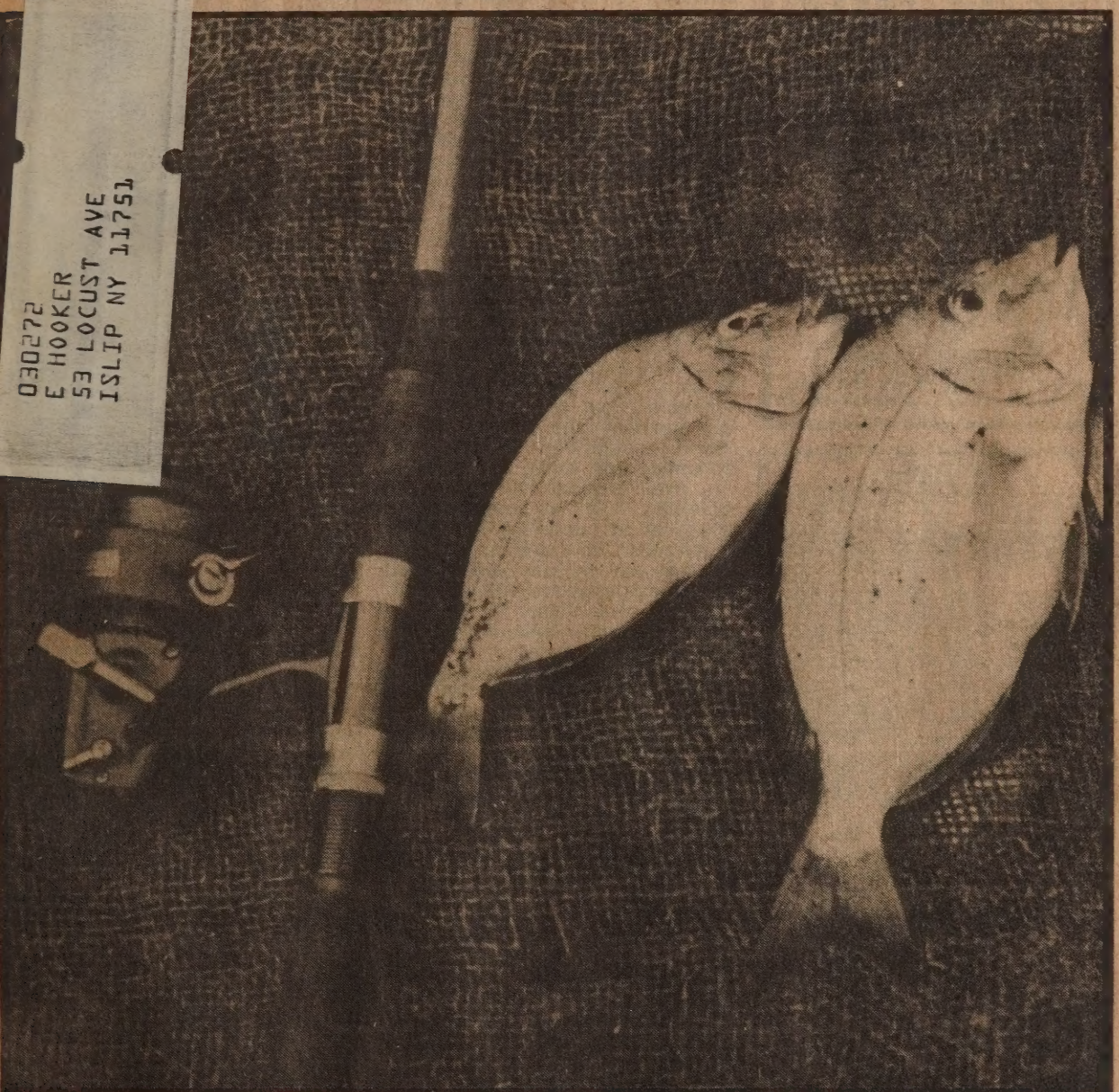

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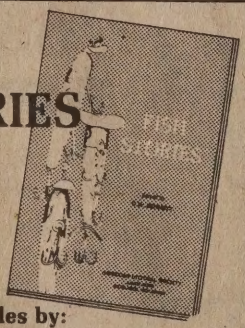
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N.Y. SPORTFISHING COUNCIL LETTER TO SHERIDAN ON TRAP

Dear Mr. Sheridan: Our organization, The New York Sportfishing Council, desires to inform you it is greatly aggravated by your decision to issue a permit to the owner of the fish trap by the North Bar, Montauk. From the day this trap appeared at Montauk, our organization has been in contact with The Long Island Fisherman for the sole purpose of having this net removed. The Fisherman had always conveyed the impression you and the State Park Commission were sympathetic to our requests. After all this elapsed time, we now find you have issued this permit. We, therefore, would appreciate your advising us the reason behind your reversal of opinion.

If, in fact, your decision was based on pressure exerted upon you by the commercial interests and local Suffolk legislators, why didn't you make this known to the L.I.F.? Our organization which represents thousands more certainly was ready to apply "its" own pressure. Furthermore, from our letterhead you can perceive the Council is not merely comprised of individual fishermen and clubs, we represent the total interests of the fishing fraternity. It is this collective unity which far surpasses any commercial organization. So if it is numbers that impress and motivate you, we will gladly demonstrate our strength. Your complete silence to the entire fishing fraternity leads us to believe we were purposely kept in the dark.

Should you feel your decision was beneficial to an industry on Long Island and thereby enhanced the economic stability of Long Island, your decision was not a wise one. Where you may have been instrumental in the growth of one industry (and in this case only a small segment of that industry), you conversely have seriously affected the growth of another industry. Sportfishing may not classify as an industry, but all who serve it truly are: tackle shops, hotels, restaurants to name a few, are patronized by fishermen. Remove the reason fishermen inhabit certain areas, particularly one as far removed as Montauk, and many small businesses will feel this impact.

Mr. Sheridan, surf fishermen are close to becoming an extinct species on Long Island and you have now contributed to their demise. You have removed one of the few remaining productive areas from them, and we also question if you have now established a precedent. Why can't further traps be erected on state land by commercial interests if such areas prove productive? Incidentally, if commercial people can be issued permits, why not private individuals?

Although The Sportfishing Council was never approached for their opinion on the fish trap, you most certainly are aware of our feelings now, and we assure you we shall continue in our pursuit of having it removed. For one, we question the right to pursue commercial endeavors on State Park property. This will require legal assistance, which we have, and intend to investigate fully.

In conclusion, Mr. Sheridan, may we state you have gained the eternal ingratitude of the entire fishing fraternity for the effect your decision will have on the environment we depend upon. *George Gerhold, President*

L.I.B.B.A. ON TRAP

Dear Mr. Sheridan, I am writing on behalf of the members of the Long Island Beach Buggy Association to oppose the fish trap at Montauk State Park.

As an organization we have, in the past, been in full accord with the policies of the State Park Commission. We have always been of the opinion that the principles set forth by you and your staff were for the benefit of all park users—in our case, surf fishermen. We were appalled at your decision to favor commercial interests within park boundaries. The area of the net is one of the best surf fishing areas on the East Coast. If the net is allowed to operate, this will be a thing of the past.

Recently my family and I spent the better part of a week fishing the area adjacent to the State Park. In past years we could depend on some fluke during the day; weakfish, bluefish and an occasional striper after the sun went down. We caught neither fluke, weakfish, bluefish or striper. The results were the same for other fishermen in the area; all were veteran surf fishermen.

There are many factors that have caused the decline of many of our inshore species, and the net, if allowed to continue its operation, will have added a visible link to that process. Is the net and the monies its few operators will gain more important than the recreation of thousands who, with their families, enjoy the sport of fishing? If this is allowed within our State Parks, it will surely multiply until there will be no more areas to fish along any of our coastlines.

How will the economy of Montauk be effected when the summer tourist leaves? Montauk then becomes the mecca for the surf and boat fishermen, who seek the migratory inshore species: bass, bluefish and weakfish. This continues into late fall. Although many like myself use self-

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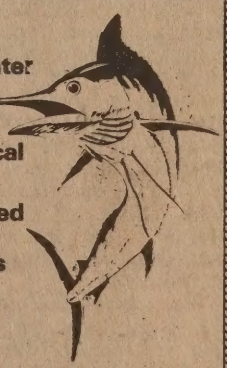
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contained sport fishing vehicles, we do spend money in the pursuit of our sport (gasoline, repairs, food, tackle and restaurants) which certainly benefits the economy. It seems, at times, that the monetary gains of a few over the welfare of many has become a way of life in this country. There has to be places where competition like this does not exist. A place just to enjoy. The Park System has, in the past, been one of these places.

I hope that you will reconsider and take the necessary steps to right this wrong. *Nobert Habl, Director, L.I.B.B.A.*

Pass It On...

MONTAUK CAPTAINS ASS'N TO HOLD 3 TOURNEYS FOR CHARITY

It is apparent to everyone that each year many human lives are claimed by heart disease and cancer. Progress in combatting these killers has been slow and tedious, and requires an enormous amount of funding for material and research. The Montauk Captains' Association (MCA) has decided to join the battle against these two dreaded diseases.

Along these lines, the MCA will be sponsoring three tournaments during the 1980 fishing season. The first tournament will be a shark tournament in July; second will be a tuna tournament in August, and the third will be inshore in the fall for bass and bluefish. The exact dates, marina locations, and details will be announced in January, 1980.

Basically, the tournaments will be structured so that half the money raised will go directly to the Heart Association and Cancer Society. The other half will be given as prize money and gifts to the tournament winners. It should be made clear that no money whatsoever, will be paid to any workers involved in these tournaments or any marina(s) at which these tournaments will be held. There are several marinas in Montauk that are willing to make their facilities available for these tournaments.

The Montauk Captains' Association is confident they can count on your fine publication to assist them in getting support from all fishermen. Also, please urge all your advertisers, tackle shops, eletronic manufacturers, etc., to donate some sort of prizes to these tournaments. No contributions will be too small, and all will be recognized. All clubs are urged to encourage their members to participate in these three tournaments. And to all fishermen who charter boats, to arrange charters with boats participating in these

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The Fighting Chair

with Scott Simons

VANDALS DAMAGE FISH TRAP

It is with deep regret that we must inform our readers that sometime during the weekend of August 4 and 5 the controversial fish trap at North Bar, Montauk, was damaged by vandals. The lines holding up the net and part of the net itself were slashed with a knife, and as of this past weekend, the trap was still not operational.

Quite frankly, the unwarranted vandalism of the trap despite our editorials urging that no physical action be taken, has caused L.I.F. considerable embarrassment, and there are those who are holding us directly responsible for what happened. Although we believe that it was inevitable that something like this would occur eventually, we do not condone **anyone** taking the law into their own hands—be it commercial **or** sport fishermen. L.I.F. has been using the legal system to pursue this matter from the beginning, and will continue to do so. In the meantime, once again we urge that no physical action be taken against this fish trap—that's not the way we do things in this country!

TUNA SLAUGHTERED ILLEGALLY BY PURSE SEINER AT MONTAUK

A scandal of sorts developed at Montauk this past Friday when a large purse seine vessel, the Pacific Queen, showed up in local waters and set its net around a large school of bluefin tuna in the area known as the Mudhole off Block Island. Sportfishing boats out of Montauk, Connecticut and Rhode Island had been working the school with relatively poor results to that point, because the fish were feeding on sand eels and were proving difficult to catch on rod and reel.

Supposedly setting on "giants" of over 300 lbs., which is legal, the Pacific Queen found not only giants in its seine but a large number of "illegal" medium size bluefin tuna in the 115 to 300 lb. class. Under the tuna regulations presently in effect, this size-range of fish is being protected and purse seiners may only take a quota of 115 to 300 lb. fish equal to no more than three per cent of the total weight of giant tuna in excess of 300 lbs. that are caught. Anything in excess of three per cent must be released unharmed, and even if the fish are dead they must still be discarded. They may not be sold, bartered, or even given away.

According to informed sources, over the weekend the Pacific Queen off-loaded forty tons (80,000 lbs.) of giant tuna in New Bedford, which means it was entitled to take about 2,400 lbs. of 155 to 300 lb. fish as an "incidental catch." The fish taken all weighed about 200 lbs., so the boat was entitled to take twelve tuna of this size. But the net was full of this size fish—and what happened to them is where the scandal lies.

We don't know the name of the first vessel that started the ball rolling, but a sportfishing boat traded a couple of six-packs of beer to the crew of the Pacific Queen for a few of the illegal tuna. This news was put on the radio, and in a short period of time, at least twenty-five charter and private boats out of Montauk were lining up at the purse seiner to get their "free" tuna. According to the tuna regulations, rod and reel fishermen were allowed to catch one fish per angler per day of the 115 to 300 lb. tuna—all you had to claim was that the fish were taken on rod and reel. As several marinas in Montauk were eager to make a quick buck despite the illegality of it all and were willing to pay a dollar a pound for the fish, many anglers were quite ready to stretch the truth more than a little and claim that the fish were caught on rod and reel. Most of the boats brought in and sold eight fish: one for the captain, one for the mate and one each for the passengers aboard. At last count, L.I.F. estimated that at least one hundred fifty of the illegal fish were brought into Montauk to be sold. So the by-catch of illegal fish caught by the Pacific Queen was at least 30,000 lbs., or thirty-seven-and-a-half per cent of the

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NATIONAL SCENE

NEWS & NOTES ON THE WORLD OF FISHING
with Al Ristori

Three Council Members Dropped: New York Loses A Seat

Three Mid-Atlantic Fishery Council members—including your reporter—were denied reappointment by the Department of Commerce when their three-year terms ended on August 11. In my case, this was no surprise. As noted frequently in this column, I have had to oppose the policies of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on an increasingly frequent basis in order to properly represent the sport fishermen of the New York/New Jersey area who were responsible for putting me on the Council. There was little doubt in my mind that NMFS would tolerate such dissent, though they had no legitimate reason for not reappointing me—or the other two members involved.

Also dropped were Allen Haynie, Chairman, Zapata-Haynie Corp., Reedsville, Virginia (owners of the largest bunker fleet on this coast), and Dr. John L. McHugh, Professor of Marine Resources at Stony Brook. Mr. Haynie headed the Council committee on gear conflict and was instrumental in setting up a system designed to prevent such difficulties in the crowded waters at the edge of the Continental Shelf. Dr. McHugh provided the Council with a lifetime of knowledge relating to fisheries and was uniquely qualified for his position.

Fortunately, Bill Feinberg (N.J.), sport fisherman, was reappointed and will be around for the next three years to fight further attempts by NMFS to ignore the sport fisheries of the Mid-Atlantic region. Bill and I almost always saw eye-to-eye on the issues coming before the Council and he was no less reluctant than I to speak up. I'm sure NMFS would have been delighted to dump him also, but undoubtedly thought better of it in view of Bill's friendship with Governor Byrne.

Ever since the Councils were first formed three years ago, Long Islanders have been trying to get a sportsman appointed as one of the three public members from New York. Despite the unwarranted dumping of Dr. McHugh, they not only didn't receive any representation, but lost the seat entirely! That at-large seat was given to a commercial fishing representative from Delaware, Barbara Stevenson. That leaves New York with the same number of public members as Delaware, despite the fact that the NMFS survey of recreational fishermen in 1973-74 indicated a total of 2,980,000 in New York and 146,000 in Delaware. The comparative sizes of the commercial fishing industries in the two States is probably in about the same proportion.

When I was appointed, I assumed that the lack of sport fishing representation for New York was due to the fact that though I was appointed from New Jersey I was also nominated from New York, was a native of that State, and still kept my boat there. This appeared to be an effort by NMFS to "kill two birds with one stone." However, with the failure to reappoint me, NMFS no longer has that excuse. Both Scott Simons and Doc Muller were nominated by Governor Carey, along with Dr. McHugh, and the failure by NMFS to appoint one of these candidates is a clear indication of their anti-sport fishing attitude!

As a result of the new appointments, there will be a stronger commercial representation on the Council. Barbara Stevenson has been active on the advisory panels and is well qualified to serve as a commercial representative. However, sportsmen should note that she was opposed to going ahead with the bluefish plan. Allen Haynie, whose interests were not in food fish, is being replaced by Arthur Fass, from the big commercial operation in Virginia that is pair-trawling blues and weakfish—as well as being in many other fisheries. My seat is being filled by Roger Locandro, a professor of Food Sciences at Rutgers. Though I don't know Roger, Russ Cookingham (Director, Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries, N.J.) has heard that he does do some sport fishing.

This move by NMFS represents a rather naked attempt to downgrade the Councils even further. Though Congress intended that the Councils should function independently in their role as management authorities, NMFS has attempted from the first to pull back most of that function and turn the Councils into little more than advisory panels. The Councils have been ununded with paperwork, cut back on funding, and forced to accept pro-NMFS opinions provided by department lawyers. The public members on the councils are generally ill-equipped to deal with such bureaucratic take-overs and, as a result, NMFS has been quite successful in diluting Council authority and delaying implementation of management plans.

As reported in this column, the Department simply sat on the management plans for squid, butterfish and mackerel beyond the sixty days allowed by the law—and in so doing, showed the Council "who the boss was!" The final nail in my coffin may well have been my insistence on a resolution to the House Merchant Marine & Fisheries Committee urging a change in the law that would put Council management plans into effect automatically after sixty days if the Secretary hadn't acted on them by that time. Unfortunately, I didn't receive much support for this proposal within the Council.

Fisheries management has become so complex that the new members will be struggling for about a year simply to catch up with what's been going on. The Council will be weakened by the loss of three members who have been serving as chairmen of various committees and have received a great deal of training (at taxpayer expense) in order to be able to deal with a broad range of fisheries issues. It will now be up to those remaining to face up to NMFS and not be cowed by the Department's obvious intent to discourage dissent. In the meantime, we'll have to rely on Tony Taormina, Bill Pell and Nancy Goell to present

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N.Y. BIGHT POLLUTION FACTS FROM SEA GRANT

IN LAST WEEK'S INSTALLMENT... Donna Edgar of Sea Grant provided us with some interesting information about pollution in New York Bight which we reviewed. Pollution comes from four main sources: fallout, dumping, waste water and runoff. Last week, we talked mostly about sewage as a source of pollution. This week, we'll look as other types of pollution and explore the recent research concerned with alternatives and solutions.

FEW PEOPLE CARED UNTIL THE 1930s. Although Colonial Governor Edmund Andros displayed great insight when, in 1675, he forbade the dumping of wastes into the sea, little enlightened and continuous concern surfaced until the 1930s when regulations were formulated to control ocean dumping. Theoretically, regulation of pollution via dumping will reach an apex in 1981 when **no** sewage sludge will be allowed dumped into New York Bight. This sounds very good, but already the City of New York is petitioning the courts for a delay of that order. I would not be surprised if they are able to secure a delay.

TOXIC CHEMICALS. Clearly, sludge and industrial wastes that are dumped into the Bight everyday are a source of heavy metal and toxic chemical contamination. Although we commonly think of pesticides as clear examples of toxic chemical pollution, there are others. High on the list would be PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) which, as we all know, has caused a ban on commercial fishing in the Hudson River and the recommendation from health and environmental officials that we curtail our consumption of eels, white perch, and striped bass. Toxic chemicals rarely let us know that they are doing harm, because unless they are present in very high concentrations they do not smell or discolor the water the way sewage does. Recently, a special investigative reporting series on CBS News by Arnold Diaz showed that many communities in New Jersey have had their drinking water contaminated by the haphazard dumping of toxic chemicals in fields, marshes, and streams. We can only begin to guess at how much of these materials have already found their way into the finfish flesh of both freshwater and saltwater species in that area. Certainly, the contamination has been bad enough to cause health officials to ban the drinking of tap water in some communities.

THE EFFECTS OF MICRO-ORGANISMS. Although sewage is a clear culprit in elevating the numbers of some types of bacteria and viruses, it is not the only contributing factor. The high levels of phosphates and nitrates that run off the land into the sea will also promote the growth of some types of algae, bacteria, and even small animals. At times, these organisms may increase in number so rapidly that great concentrations of them discolor the sea and we have what scientists call a bloom. Sometimes, the organisms of the bloom produce toxic wastes which may bring about the death of fish and shellfish. Usually, the presence of even modest numbers of certain bacteria will cause officials to close down beaches and restrict harvesting of shellfish. Sometimes the ban is temporary, but all too often it becomes permanent. All of New York City, much of Nassau, and considerable water acreage of Suffolk are closed and have been closed to shellfishing for many years. Shellfish are notorious carriers of certain diseases such as hepatitis, typhoid, and cholera, although the shellfish are not affected. Thus, when an infected clam is eaten the disease is passed on to the human. Cholera is not exactly a pressing problem, but without adequate sanitation control, officials tell us that the disease would appear and spread through the population. The worst of the lot, in terms of apparent danger today, is hepatitis. The virus that causes hepatitis is very resistant to heat and therefore, unlike typhoid bacteria, which can be killed in cooking, boiling, broiling, baking, or poaching the shellfish is not a guarantee that the virus has been destroyed. Therefore, don't be tempted to eat shellfish from condemned waters just because you plan to cook them first.

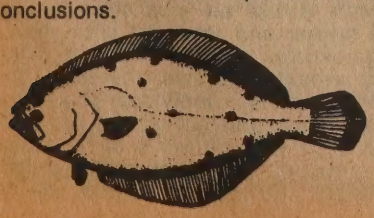
OTHER RESULTS. Sewage smell and the gases coming off the water can rot the paint off your house; contaminated shellfish can make you very ill; toxic chemicals can poison the water and the seafood—but that isn't where the problem ends. From time to time, the circumstances of weather, tides, and rate of pollution can all come together to produce what is called a "kill." The last major kill occurred in 1976 in the New York Bight. It seems that the water was warm, the winds light, the sludge and pollution abundant, and large blooms of phytoplankton and zooplankton were available and as the water became warmer and warmer, more and more of the plankton began to die off (generally plankton prefer cool water). The dying plankton rapidly decomposed and oxygen was thus consumed, biologically and chemically, at a very rapid rate. The result was the lowering of oxygen levels to zero or near zero that summer and in some places, everything died. Divers and fishermen alike reported that the area was like a "dead sea." Wrecks which usually abound with life were totally barren and carcasses littered the bottom while divers swam frequently through a brown ooze: the result of the kill. When the sea water was depleted of its oxygen, further decomposition halted and the mush of partially decomposed plankton drifted about like brown clouds.

ANOXIA. When the oxygen is all used up, we have a condition called anoxia. Often strong winds will churn the water up and thus aerate it, eliminating the build-up to an anoxic state. We really do not know how many times near kills are avoided by the circumstances of weather; but one can guess that it is rather regular.

WHO'S ON FIRST???? Over the years, we have attended a number of meetings to discuss a variety of pollution problems and we have also been active in a number of groups with similar interests. A recurring theme has been a lack of clear-cut knowledge about which agency or branch of government controls which pollution activity or offense. At Town Hall, we can be told that it's the State's responsibility; while the State may blame the problem on the EPA or whatever. The confusion results, at least in part, from the fact that environmental regulation has been a patchwork effort. Each time a new problem arises, it is dealt with independently and then, at one point, someone will say that it would be a good idea to combine X, Y, and Z under one agency while forgetting about A, B, and C. In short, it is a mess and with President Carter's new edict that energy needs may have priority over environmental needs, the issues will only get more confused. In general, the following can be said. The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has the authority to set and enforce environmental standards. The Coast Guard is supposed to be involved with looking for violators and for enforcement. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Ecosystem Analysis Program has been charged with discovering answers to pollution problems, especially their impact on humans. In fact, however, the Coast Guard says it doesn't have the time to look for violations and when they find

them or investigate reported violations, often say that they cannot take an active enforcement role but instead must call in another agency or municipality. Since both the EPA and Coast Guard have been charged with enforcement, one can easily understand why there is confusion. Now, to further confuse things, the Army Corps of Engineers has the responsibility for the disposal of dredge materials. But does the EPA have final say because they are responsible for standards and enforcement? We think that it's about time that all of this mess was consolidated under one roof and then individual tasks dealt out to various agencies as they come up. The game plan should be one of task completion—not task confusion.

HERE'S ONE FOR THE BOOK!! In a very interesting paper by Dorothy F. Soule and Mikihiko Oguri the implicit question is asked: "How clean should we make it?" The title of the paper is "Ecological Changes in Outer Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbors Following Initiation of Secondary Waste Treatment and Cessation of Cannery Waste Effluent." First, a little background. In 1970, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board mandated the clean-up of the harbor. At that point, the productivity of the harbor was very low due to high levels of organic pollution resulting chiefly from two sources: cannery effluent and raw sewage. The harbor experienced an immediate turnaround when primary treatment facilities were installed. Ongoing studies attempted to evaluate the productivity of the harbor from the years 1971 through 1978. Some of the criteria for their decision-making process were species diversity (recognized as an important means of evaluating levels of contamination), sizes of populations, biomass (the total amount of living matter present), and the abundance of species that have commercial and recreational value. However, treatment of wastes did not remain at the primary level. In 1973, secondary treatment abilities were in place and DAF pre-treatment of cannery wastes began. What happened to that environment between 1970 and 1973? What happened to that environment between 1973 and 1978? Why did changes occur? Were they good changes or bad ones? Next week we will investigate these questions and share with you the answers that Dr. Soule and her associates have arrived at. Be sure to read with us next week, because I think that you'll be surprised at the conclusions.



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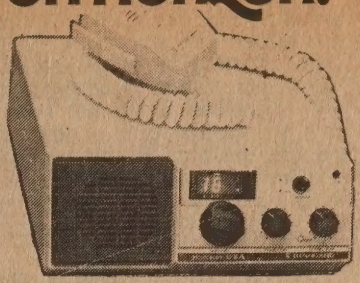

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Surf Side with John Fritz

IN PRAISE OF BUNKER

In the field of sport fishing, many new techniques have evolved through the years. Several years back, jigging a bucktail on wire line was the practice most preferred by boatmen. When the secret of the umbrella rig was leaked out, any captain worth his salt possessed an array of these items decorated with tubes of every size and color. While these gadgets continue to produce goodly quantities of game fish, the more sporting anglers are switching to a new breed of diamond jigs where they are proving that vertical trolling can provide more enjoyment and still fill the box with fish. Next year some venturesome angler will devise a better method or lure which will quickly capture the fancy of fishermen everywhere. While surfmen are somewhat limited in the methods they can employ in their quest for the three most popular game fish, there is a seemingly endless supply of new and better lures introduced each year. Although there are occasions when it is impractical, surf fishermen patiently fishing with natural bait will, in most instances, outfish the purist. The situation I am referring to is **not** when schools of hungry game fish are heedlessly attacking pods of bait, but rather on those occasions when the surf is seemingly void of fish.

Even in the sphere of the surfcasting bottom fisherman, trends in the approach and selection of bait are apparent. In the distant past, lobster tails were a prime bait for anglers seeking striped bass. In this day and age any lobster I possess will satisfy my palate and not some unappreciative fish. Because most natural baits will entice striped bass at one time or another, the angler's final selection depends considerably on availability and price. Not too long ago the number one bait for fishermen in the pursuit of cow bass was live eels. Lately, with the bass on the decline, the most prevalent game fish in the South Shore surf is teen-sized bluefish. Of course, blues will readily attack an eel, but the cost of feeding these toothsome creatures live eels is prohibitive. This, coupled with the difficult task of snagging a blue on an eel with the only hook placed through its lips, has forced most surfmen to seek an alternate bait which will lure striped bass and bluefish equally well.

The choice of baits is limited mainly by price, for the variety of natural baits usable is bounded only by one's imagination. Sand, blood, ribbon worms; clams, squid, eels, crabs, spearing, sand eels, mackerel, bunker, or for that matter any cut bait—all will attract game fish in the surf at one time or another. Most surf fishermen in the Jones Beach area took a page from the liveliner's handbook and chose fresh bunker. They key word here is fresh.

Frozen bunker, while producing results, is not on a par with a fresh offering in tempting game fish. There is another drawback to be found when using bunker that has been previously frozen, for when the bait is thawed, the flesh loses its firmness and rapidly disintegrates after being immersed in water. This is especially critical when using bunker which has been cut into fillets. By slicing the bunker completely through the spine at right angles to the backbone, chunks of bait one-and-a-half to two inches in width will be the result. By using such pieces with the skin enfolding the flesh, this problem can be somewhat alleviated. When using bunker cut in this manner, the point of the hook should pierce the skin on one side just above the backbone and forced through the skin on the opposite side so that the point of the hook is exposed. In order to accomplish this, a fairly large size hook should be used. Most anglers prefer Siwash hooks, in the approximate range of 5/0 to 7/0, for the deep bite of this style hook will allow the point to lie in an exposed position close to the dorsal fin. By using this technique, a fish will have a difficult time seizing the bait without jabbing the hook somewhere in his mouth. If it is necessary to use smaller hooks, the place of entry and therefore the exit of the point, can be moved higher on the back, closer to the dorsal fin.

If bait is in short supply, any part of the bunker can be used with a reasonable chance of success. If an angler has an abundance of bait, he can be more discriminating in his choice of which sections to use. There is no overwhelming agreement by surfmen as to which part is most productive. Some anglers prefer the head; others the tail section and if the bunker is small, the bait is simply cut in half. If the bunker are large, I find that the section encompassing the stomach cavity seems to produce the better results. It is regrettable that there is no simple way to prevent the stomach organs from falling out of the cavity when the bait is cast, for I feel this aromatic mess should draw fish from a greater distance.

Frozen bunker should not be thawed and refrozen several times. With each refreezing, the flesh deteriorates more and more, which eventually renders the bunker virtually useless as bait. Only enough bunker for that night's outing should be brought to the beach, where they should be kept cool or, if possible, in a frozen state until they are needed.

When stocking up the family freezer with a supply of bunker, they should be packaged in small quantities so only the amount needed at that time is readily available. The plastic sleeves used to package the advertising papers delivered at your front doorstep easily hold two or three bunker, depending on their size. After packaging in these smaller bags, several packets can be placed in a larger plastic garbage bag and then put into the freezer. Wrapped in this manner, there is no mess from bleeding, smelly bunker left in the freezer, which should make the little lady more receptive to keeping your bait supply in the family locker. There are several benefits to be gained from keeping a supply of bait in the home freezer. If a last minute fishing trip requires bait, you need only go to your freezer instead of the store. Bunker can also be purchased in quantities from commercial outlets at a cheaper price. The cheapest way is to undertake a snagging excursion to obtain a free supply which can last an entire season.

The going price of frozen bunker in the tackle stores last season was three for a dollar. It doesn't take long before a hard-fishing surfman runs up a tidy bill just for bait, not counting tackle and gas—which is increasing all the time. Most successful anglers plan a side trip to the back bays for the purpose of snagging a supply of bunker. Fresh bunker can be kept on ice for several days before they must be frozen or discarded. A snagging foray before each outing would be the ideal way to ensure a fresh supply of bait, but spare time and weather conditions do not always permit such excursions. A back-up supply of bunker frozen at home is useful in these instances.

For those of you new to the art of snagging bunker, a stiff rod and a high ratio spinning reel equipped with a good quality fifteen to twenty pound test line is recommended. A snagger, which in reality is no more than a treble hook with various amounts of lead formed around the shank, is tied to the terminal end of the line. These snaggers, selling from sixty cents to over a dollar, can be purchased in varying weights at most tackle stores. A variety of weights capable of being cast by the equipment employed should be carried, for often the bunker are found at different depths.

The snagger is cast across an area suspected of harboring a school of bunker and retrieved with sharp, sweeping, horizontal strokes of the rod. This is a tiring practice if kept up for extended periods; therefore, the most comfortable position for each individual should be found. In my own case, I find that pulling the rod with my right hand to the right side of my body is easier than pushing the rod to the left side. I am right-handed, so you lefties will possibly find that the reverse will be

more satisfactory. During this sharp sweep, the rod should swing on a line parallel to the ground about hip high. When snagging in a crowd, this method can be dangerous; therefore, the angler should change the angle of his sweep. By pointing the rod tip at the water the rod is quickly whipped to an upright position; as the tip is lowered towards the water, the slack line is rapidly reeled in so that when the tip once again points seaward the line is taut and ready for the next sweep. The angler should be aware of the position of the snagger at all times, for if he gives a mighty sweep when the snagger is nearing the end of the retrieve he could embed this wicked object in his face.

Once the bunker is snagged, it can either be skidded across the top of the water to save time or it can be retrieved slowly in hopes of enticing a lurking game fish into striking the injured bait.

Bunker schools are most readily detected by sight, although some anglers with a sharp sense of smell say they can detect their odor. Their flip-flopping on the water's surface is the sign which identifies their presence; therefore, calm water is preferred when seeking bunker. If an area is known to harbor schools of bunker over an extended period of time, do not be discouraged if no sign is apparent upon your arrival. Many times the bunker will be lurking in the depths in sufficient numbers to make a snagging effort worthwhile. When the bunker are found in tightly packed schools, one can be snagged on every cast. Even if the bunker are showing, remember that only a small portion of any school of fish are on the surface. The majority are lying unseen below, so allow the snagger to sink to various depths until the most productive level is determined.

Bunker can be found in almost any back bay area and, on occasion, in open water. Although it is possible to find limited amounts in most creeks, coves, and channels, certain locations are more productive than others. A few widely scattered places which have harbored large populations of bunker in past years is the head of Cold Spring Harbor near the launching ramp; the head of the creek across Montauk Highway from Argyle Lake in Babylon, and the general area around the Jones Beach fishing piers. The latter location is probably the most consistent producer, but a study of quiet waters in your area could prove to be more convenient.

Determine which tides and wind conditions yield the best results in the area chosen. In the Jones Beach pier area, the ebb tide seems to produce better in the cove to the east of the piers, while the flood tide finds the bunker more prevalent along the flats to the west of the piers.

Because of the bunker's affinity for attracting crabs as well as fish, they are normally fished in the surf from a fish finder rig and floated off the bottom with a cork. Jetty jockeys using conventional gear have good success slinging whole bunker from the various South Shore jetties. In the latter method, the bunker is impaled on a bare hook and either allowed to drift with the currents or slowly retrieved along the bottom. By using the second method, numerous locations can be worked in the manner of a plug caster toiling from jetty to jetty.

In these times of rising costs and depleted stocks of striped bass, surfasters utilizing the supplies of bunker prevalent in our waters can obtain a bait that is relatively free of charge by which bluefish—a secondary species to most—can be taken while still presenting an offering readily acceptable to cow bass.

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Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

WRECK FISHING FOR DOORMAT FLUKE

One of the nice things about fluke is that no fisherman knows exactly how big his next one will be. Fluke aren't a bit like porgies or mackerel, for instance, where all fish from one school will pretty much weigh the same. If you've been fluke fishing for awhile, this fact is not surprising to you. I'm sure you've had the experience of catching throwbacks and run-of-the-mill fluke of say, one-and-a-half and two pounds, and then—wonder of wonders—come up with a six or eight pounder. This happens every summer day to someone and when it does, there isn't one of those lucky fishermen who hasn't said to himself: "Boy! Now that's fishing! Sure wish I knew where there were more like that." Well...I know areas where such doormats can be expected with some assurance of success. And fortunately, this is the time of year to give it a try. Where, you ask, are these piscatorial Gardens of Allah? On the bottoms surrounding the many offshore wrecks that dot the Long Island and New Jersey Coasts. But let's apply the brakes for a minute. Lest I set your hopes too high, let me say that while your chances of scoring are excellent, in no way must you think it is simply a matter of getting out there and success is guaranteed.

Even in the heyday of great fluke fishing, the old-timer knew he had to take his chances; and while most times he was successful, there were many days when he had to settle for what the frowning fishing gods saw fit to pass out. But even so, it is my belief that the effort is worthwhile—but don't take my word for it. You'll never know for sure if you don't try.

I have never figured out why doormat fluke are more apt to frequent offshore wrecks in late summer and early fall than during the height of the season. It can't be because of the food supply for bergalls and other small fish are always available during the fluke season. Perhaps water temperature is then ideal, but I just don't know.

Sure, good-sized fluke are caught by wreck fishermen throughout the entire summer, and you can bet the sharpie has always known this and used it to his advantage—certainly his pool-winning credits attest to this. But it isn't until the latter part of the season when the true doormat specialist begins to sharpen his hooks and dream long dreams of monster fluke.

There are not many of these fellows around, and I no longer know any personally. To tell the truth, I haven't met one in years and years. However, at one time I did know four fellows—all past masters—who banded together for the sole purpose of catching doormat fluke from our offshore wrecks. These guys rarely fished for fluke during the regular season, but when September came around, they would be out in force on a daily basis. Many days and hours were spent drifting or at anchor around wrecks in the New York Bight—the location of which only they seemed to know. I saw some of the fluke they caught and I'll tell you the sight would take your breath away. I tried to angle my way into this tightly-knit group, but was never successful.

Over the years, I've put in time wreck fishing for doormats and while not always successful on every trip, have managed to nail enough to make me look forward to the next opportunity. My records show that during the fall of 1964 and 1965, I didn't catch one, although I did put in much time and effort; but failure didn't lessen the desire. I continued to hope and try again, and since then, I've added to the overall catch.

How big these fish will be is anybody's guess. Most average between five and ten pounds. I've been fortunate enough to occasionally nail one larger and I once saw a nineteen pounder taken by a first-time lady angler. You never know what to expect when over the bones of a wreck.

To attempt to catch fluke this size means sturdy tackle must be used. Codfishing gear isn't required, but you will need something with a lot more backbone than spinning tackle. I use a medium weight, seven foot conventional rod and a Penn 155 filled with forty pound test good quality mono. I suppose thirty pound will get by okay, but the forty pound stuff is what I use.

Rigging is no problem. If you fish the bays for your fluke, you can use the same setup; but everything must be on a heavier scale. Hooks should be 5/0 or 6/0 Carlisle or Kirby. These are long-shanked, and you'll be glad you used this type if you've got to remove it from one of those big fluke. The teeth in that cavernous mouth are wicked-looking—downright scary, in fact.

Your leader should be of forty pound test leader material and at least three feet long. A four-footer is better, and you can make this one easy enough if you add the proper sized pre-snelled hook to a three-footer. Some experienced fishermen don't like to do this, preferring to snell a loose hook to a four-footer. They say doing it this way gives better bait action and I'm inclined to agree with them. Any little trick used to entice one of these large fluke to the hook should be taken advantage of.

Midland Tackle Co., 66 Route 17, Sloatsburg, New York 10974, has various weight leaders in forty-seven inch lengths. When snelled with the proper hook, this will be long enough. It may be too late at the moment to take advantage of this windfall, but it is a good idea to send off for Midland's free catalog. Perhaps your local tackle dealer has four-footers in stock. It won't hurt to find out. I know this extra length makes a big difference in the catch; but except for better bait presentation, I don't know why.

The use of a three-way swivel is left to you. Most

fellows use one, especially for those times when drifting the outside edges of a wreck. When fishing at anchor, you can dispense with it if you wish. It only aids in snagging. But if you do use one, make sure it is at least 4/0 in size. Place it about three inches above the sinker, or just form a two inch loop with a double-overhand knot and use this and don't bother with the swivel.

Some fellows pre-tie their rigs and attach them to the main line with a barrel swivel. Personally, I'm not over-enthusiastic about this because it is always a potential weak spot. If you tie into a true doormat, you'll want everything going for you.

Sinker weight will vary, depending upon how you intend to fish. When drifting, a bank sinker of eight or a diamond sinker of ten ounces may be necessary. There's no way of knowing beforehand, but these sizes should get you by. During full moon tides, expect to go even heavier when drifting. For fishing at anchor, you should do okay with a five or six ounce bank sinker.

It is always best to carry a good supply of sinkers and hooks because you can expect to lose some due to snagging the wreck. This is no great problem aboard party boats as extras can always be purchased; but when out with a few buddies on a private craft, the lack of sufficient terminal gear may well ruin your day.

A wide, long-handled net is a must. Doormats are not only broad, but quite tricky when brought to the surface. Be on your toes when approaching and attempting to net a doormat. This is the crucial moment and many of these large fish are lost at boatside. Don't fall for that docile appearance. That fluke is just biding its time, rapidly regaining its depleted strength. Never, and I repeat **never**, attempt to place a net over a surfaced fluke. Always hold that net still, slightly below the surface, and lead the fish into it. Always! Never the other way around.

And especially, never try to net a fluke—or any fish—from behind. If you do—goodbye fish! That fish may be half dead, but when you do this, it will immediately call on a reserve of strength from I know not where, but it will often succeed in throwing the hook, or breaking the line. This calamity happens to excited fishermen—don't let it happen to you!

Fluke love to prowl wrecks. I'm sure they come up with all sorts of "goodies." If it swims, or appears to be swimming, they will go for it in no uncertain terms. But over the years, I've found that there are particular baits for which a definite preference is shown. One of these is a strip of smooth dogfish. Most of my wreck-doormats have been caught on this.

This summer doggie is usually smaller than those caught in winter. They are a different strain, too, and lack those flesh-puncturing spines, which is all to the good, for it makes them easier to handle. Its emery-like hide also makes it difficult for fluke to grab and let go.

Summer doggies aren't as plentiful as their cold weather cousins and they aren't always available. (Of course, there is always a thorn on the rose.) But if you are lucky enough to catch one, **don't** throw it back as so many fishermen do. Slice off both sides immediately—don't wait until the doggie has been lying dead on deck for sometime and then decide to use it. For some reason, the fresher this bait, the more fluke you will catch with it.

Use strips about six inches long and at least an inch wide. Don't worry should this look big to you. It won't to a doormat. Run the hook once through the widest part. Put plenty of action into it by continuous jigging. Should you detect a pick-up, allow some slack and let the fluke work on it. Don't attempt to set the hook. The fluke will automatically do that when it moves off with its easy pickings. Have patience—it works.

Small bergalls, say up to four inches—preferably alive, but not necessary—are the next choice. Hook in the mouth and out the gill cover. Strips of medium-sized unscaled bergall are also good. Do plenty of jigging with this bait. Large squid strips, sea robin bellies and the like, can also be counted on to produce. White belly strips from smaller fluke are excellent; but who's going to cut a fluke up for bait today? Oversized live killies are good, too. The thing to remember when fishing for these big fluke is to use big baits.

Many local wrecks harbor large fluke in late summer. While party boat fishing at this time, I've won many a pool by taking doormats from the following areas: Iberia Wreck; Stone Barge; Steel Wreck; Coal Wreck, and the C.O.D. Wreck. All these are fished by party boats sailing out of Jones Inlet.

If you are a party boat fisherman and interested in big fluke—and maybe a pool or two—check which local party boats fish these areas and give it a try. Most of the passengers will be fishing for other bottom feeders: sea bass, porgies, blackfish, etc.; so usually that leaves you an open field. Get your easier to catch bottom feeders first, and then devote a couple hours to doormat fishing.

Cast out and away from the competition using the underhand method and then jig the bait back, pausing before reeling up for another try. The fluke may be following the bait and you should give it the opportunity to take hold. If casting is not practical, fish straight up and down, and put plenty of action in the bait. Once again: have patience. It pays off.

All you need do is hook into that first doormat and you'll find out what I did in the long ago: there's no other fluke fishing quite like it.

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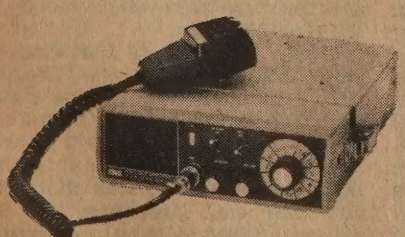

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SIXTEEN DAYS

Part Two — The Mishap

by Arthur Morris

On Sunday a brisk wind from the northwest prevented the Julie III's return to the Sanctuary. Another party of six was aboard as we beat our way around the point to the relative calm of the south side. We fished on various pieces of the Frisbee Grounds all day and had a good pick of fish. Sea bass made up the majority of the catch, with a smattering of porgies, some stray blues and a few four to six pound fluke rounding out a nice mixed bag.

By mid-afternoon of the second day I was constantly soaking my hands in the cool sea water to ease the pain of yesterday's wounds and the many new ones inflicted by today's fish—and my own carelessness and ignorance. I had unhooked so many fish in two days that the skin on the tips of my right thumb and index finger had become raw. Could it be that the tender hands of a school teacher could not stand up to the work on a fishing boat? It was only the second day, but the novelty of the vacation was beginning to wear off already.

By nine o'clock on Monday, the "vacation" was looking more and more like a masochistic exercise. We were anchored at "Pete's Hole": Ron, a friend of Ron's named Greg Kcuba (kuh-choo-buh) and I. For one solid hour, we bailed the largest kind of sea bass. Greg called it "a slaughterization of the species" (among other things). Then the porgies took over. Instantaneous was Greg's word for it. Little did I know that I would be hearing these two phrases many times in the next few days. Singles, doubles and triples of beautiful two pound porgies were being hauled out of fifty-five feet of water as fast as handles could turn. It seemed as if forty-five gallon garbage cans were being filled in minutes. It was about now that I began to notice that my lower back was aching and that the throbbing pain in my swollen hands was getting worse. "Stand straight up," said Greg, "don't lean against the gunnels, that's why your back is hurting. Keep your hands dry and give 'em a chance to heal up and you'll be all right." Either because of stupidity or self-pity, these saving words did not sink in for a day or so. By eventually following these two pieces of not-so-obvious "obvious advice" the two sources of my pain were gradually eliminated.

Greg and his partner "Fat Al" Grabowski (whom I was to meet the following day) turned out to be two of the most unforgettable and likeable characters I have ever met. Greg's shaggy hair and beard seemed to sprout from under his floppy hat (which Fat Al constantly claimed he had gotten by mugging a bum in Central Park). Greg's unkempt manner and the style of his hat led one to suspect that two donkey ears might push their way through it at any moment. Ron had told me that Greg's nickname was "Mayor of Great Eastern," and when the porgies began to take over I found out why. Greg was a tall, lanky lefty who fished with a long stick and a 4/0 Senator that looked as if it had been marinated in chum for months. (The reason simply being that Greg never cleaned his reel!) It would take two days of careful observation and questioning to realize that there was a method to Greg's fishing madness, and that the reasoning behind his methods were sound.

Greg would stare intently at his line with his rod held so that the mono and the rod made a perfectly straight line. He would hold the line between the thumb and forefinger of his right hand so that it barely touched a guide—even the tiptop. Then, suddenly, whoosh—the long rod was jerked violently in the air and the line near the surface slashed through the water in a loud bullwhip-like "swish." The long rod took a gentle bend as Greg began to reel **ever so slowly**. He continued his agonizingly slow reeling until the silver struggling flashes of two or three porgies were seen, and finally lifted into the boat with a firm swing. It took me the better part of two days to realize the importance of this slow reeling. First of all, the slowest reeling right after the setting of the hook allowed other porgies, attracted by the flashes of their buddies, a chance to fill the three-hook rig. As Greg would feel the added weight of the second and third fish he would lift the rod almost imperceptibly to set the hook in the mouths of the rest of the "mule train." By continuing the slow reeling all the way, Greg rarely dropped a fish—as is the habit of most mortal fishermen. The reason for this is that when you reel up quickly, you are actually pulling the hook out of the fish's mouth. This, plus the violent jerking struggle of a hooked porgy often results in a fish being dropped when only a few feet from the boat.

As the force of the tide got stronger, I was amazed to see that Greg was continuing to hook fish at an astounding rate. When hooking in the tide, I had always used the method known as "walking the sinker away from the boat." This entailed hitting bottom and as soon as the current picked up the sinker, letting out a few feet of line so that you hit bottom again. This maneuver is repeated several times until either a fish is hooked or you are too far from the boat to fish effectively. By watching Greg closely, I was able to see what he did differently. As soon as his sinker hit bottom, he **kept letting line off the reel!** The line was pulled off by the current. After about twenty or thirty feet was let out, he threw the reel in gear and proceeded to fish in his usual unorthodox manner; that is, setting the hook with a violent slashing motion. The effect of letting out this extra line was that he was fishing with a large belly in his line. Remarkably, this had the effect of keeping the sinker in place on the bottom. This would seem to go against the usually accepted maxim of keeping the slack out of your line when setting the hook. Now the reason for Greg's violent setting of the hook became apparent. By fishing the "slack line" as Greg called it, you had to walk your sinker out only occasionally. When you did, though, you let out more line than needed to hit bottom. This gave you a new belly in the line to work with. When using this method a remarkable sensation is encountered. When you set the hook and begin reeling, the rod does not begin to bend until the slack is reeled out of the line. As a result of this, multiple hook-ups are common even when fishing in the strongest tide.

I now remembered that when we were fishing at slack water, Greg did not keep his line tight, as is always recommended. He would let out just a few extra inches of line even though we were fishing under the boat. His reasoning was that when the bait was presented in this manner, it was more natural looking. His skin diver friends had described to him how the porgies and sea bass came up to a bait from the down-current side and just slurped the bait into their mouths with a

sucking motion. The rig which Greg used was also designed to offer a completely natural looking bait to the fish. It, too, was unorthodox and I will describe it in detail later.

The place where we were fishing was one of Ronnie's favorite spots. The beauty of it was that we always had the spot to ourselves as it was a bit off the beaten track as far as the usual bottom fishing spots around Montauk were concerned. This day was no exception. We decided to head back a bit early since we had already earned a good day's pay. Ron started up the 330 h.p. engine that powered his thirty-foot Columbia. We just had to make a short run to pick up the marker buoy and we would be on our way home. Then, the bane of all those who use a powered craft to make their living from the sea struck Ron: engine trouble. A huge plume of white smoke shot up through the exhaust which indicated that something was drastically wrong. It turned out to be a blown gasket which really messed up the engine, cooling system, and the oil pump. Several boats which had been fishing quite a distance away pulled anchor and quickly rushed over to see if we needed help. They said later that they had thought that we were on fire. It turned out that we were able to make it back to the harbor without further damaging the engine. The effects of all this were many. The first was that those boats which had come to our aid had, of course, noticed about six large garbage cans each filled to brimming with large porgies and large sea bass. The cat was out of the bag. They stayed in the area and loaded up in the three remaining hours before dark. In our haste to leave after developing engine trouble, we forgot the pull the buoy. This enabled all the commercial rod and reelers at Mike's dock to find the spot easily the next morning. They did and they caught fish! for three days, the most concentrated fleet seen around Montauk in many years made up each morning along the underwater ridge at the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary Grounds was no longer Ron's secret spot. After three days, however, the spot was fished out and everyone returned to their usual haunts.

The second effect of the engine trouble was a severe financial loss to Captain Ron. Add up the cost of the engine repair, the three charters lost while the engine was pulled and repaired, and the loss of fish money during three days of hot fishing and you are dealing with a substantial amount of money. But those who earn their living from the sea just curse their bad luck and keep their chins up. Ron was no exception.

The third result of this mess was that I wound up fishing for the next three days with Greg and his partner, Fat Al.

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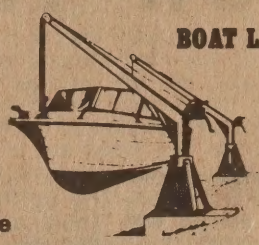

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A LOOK AT DRAGS & HOW TO CHOOSE THE BEST

by Pete Barrett

Last week we looked at the factors involved in setting the optimum drag, a setting that would enable you to fight a fish with authority, yet still allow the line to slip from the reel before the line reached its breaking point. Now we'll take a look at the many different drag systems available from the reel manufacturers and see which are the best.

I believe many fishermen purchase their fishing reels based on the cosmetics of the reel—the fancy color schemes, plastic name plates and jazzy chrome bands. What really matters in selecting a reel is the drag and, on spinning reels, the roller line guide. Is the drag smooth and does the roller actually roll. The reel can be a "Plain Jane" or it can be adorned with all sorts of fancy trimmings, but if the roller sticks and the drag is jerky, the reel is worthless.

Depending on the drag materials used, there are things that happen to all drags as fish begin to take line off the spool and as a fast fish rips off a lot of line and heats up the drag washers, and as moisture and spray get into the reel itself and effect the washers.

The two best drag systems utilize either a series of alternating metal washers and drag material washers, or two large disc washers: one of metal, the other of a drag material like Teflon, asbestos, leather or felt. Shakespeare on right uses 6 metal and leather washers, while Penn on left uses huge Teflon and metal pair of discs.

Based on actual fishing conditions, not copywriters' dreams in four color ads, the two best drag systems are a series of alternating metal washers and drag washer material like leather, Teflon or asbestos. The second reliable system, usually found on smaller light tackle reels or on plug casting reels is a pair of large washers: one of Teflon, leather or asbestos; the other of metal. Both systems allow for rapid dissipation of heat build-up and smooth, even drag pressure distributed equally among the washers.

Teflon was at one time thought to be the very best drag material. Many considered it to be the cure-all for jerky and chattery drags. It is true that Teflon is a slick performer, but it does have one drawback: it takes a lot of start-up pressure to get it moving, often as much as double the initial drag setting! This can be overcome by lubricating the washers with a silicone lubricant like Garcia's Silicone Reel Lube. However, this also serves to make the washers even more slippery and it may now be impossible to tighten down the drag knob on some reels to the point where the angler has hardly any drag at all.

Teflon will also flow or spread as it heats up under the pressure and run of a fast fish. It is possible for a Teflon drag to diminish in pressure in this situation, allowing the drag to decrease as you play the fish. If you are used to this, you can add drag with your fingertips placed on the spool of the reel, but it can be very disconcerting to most of us.

In my opinion, Teflon is best used only for ultra-light fishing situations with very light lines of two, four, and six pound test, or in conjunction with other drag materials, like asbestos, to smooth out the drag.

Leather is by far the best drag material offered by any manufacturer, although admittedly there are few reels available with this drag material. Notable exceptions are the Shakespeare Preisdent spinning reels and some of the Penn conventionals like the #140 Squidder. A well-oiled series of leather and metal washers is the BEST drag you can buy. The washers must be oiled every few fishing trips to keep the drag functioning properly.

A leather system has the lowest start-up drag and once in motion, the drag neither diminishes nor increases in pressure to any appreciable degree. Proof of the leather drag system can be seen on any fishing trip to the Florida Keys where many of the professional guides rely only on reels with leather washers. They are rugged and perform perfectly on zippy fish likes bones, barracuda, jacks and tarpon.

We may not tangle with such fast fish up in our area, but we have seen Great South Bay weaks just shy of eight pounds rip off yards and yards of line in the shallow bay water fishing with only four pound test line. Blues, too, in a chum slick on light tackle can yank plenty of line and so, too, the speedy bonito and albacore.

Some inexpensive reels have a drag system that is only a step behind the leather washers. This material is felt—ordinary cloth felt. When soaked in oil, this material performs nearly as well as the leather washers. However, they require constant relubrication and

the felt can wear out if you fish a lot in one season. They are, however, easily replaced for pennies.

Penn is famous for their asbestos washer drags which, when new, clean, and dry, perform beautifully. However, the addition of a Teflon washer or two can improve the factory drags. In fact, Penn packages Teflon with some of their reels for the fisherman to install himself if he fishes with tight lines. In the large Penns like the #704, I use only one Teflon washer and two asbestos washers; but on the lighter reels like the #710, I'll use two Teflon and one asbestos.

The asbestos washers must be kept dry: salt spray, oil or moisture can ruin the smooth performance of these washers.

These, then, make up the basic selection of drag systems and the washers that make them work. Some are better than others. The choice is up to you. If you aren't fishing for more than school striped bass, perhaps you don't need a real smoothy, but larger fish do require more attention to the functions of the reel and especially the drag.

When fresh out of the box, brand spankin' new, most reels will have a smooth drag. Yet that same reel a few weeks later, or even after a single fishing trip, may suffer from a jerky, chattering drag. Why? What causes it to perform erratically?

There are hundreds of reasons for a drag system going haywire, but the most common are dirt and sand, oil or grease soaking the washers, moisture and heat. Then, too, some drags are inherently faulty because of the choice of drag material used. Moisture can get into a drag from splashing waves in the surf, boat spray, or from rain, and this moisture causes the washers to stick to themselves. Heat can be generated from not only a fish as it takes out line, but from a reel sun-baked in a hot car trunk, a beach buggy rod rack or rod racks in a boat. Excessive heat, again, causes some drag washers to stick to themselves and actually become bonded together as if glued.

It's easy to check out a bad drag by simply taking the system apart. Depending on the type of reel you have this can be either a two minute job or in the case of plugging reels, it can take much longer, but the rewards are worth it. Consult the instruction booklet packaged with the reel and take a look at the exploded diagram to figure the sequence of the washers.

Once apart, check for the following typical problems. Metal washers can develop pits in the chrome finish: replace them. Metal washers may build up a glazed surface with small lumps or balls of powdered drag material: polish with steel wool or fine emery paper so they are smooth and clean. Asbestos washers may become water or oil soaked: replace with new washers. Rust, dirt, sand and powder from the drag washers can build up on all drag components: clean all parts. Leather washers, and felt, may become dry and brittle: try re-oiling or replace with new washers.

After all parts are cleaned and dried, the drag can be re-assembled. Most drag materials are oiled lightly with the exception of asbestos. Asbestos drags MUST be assembled completely DRY. Leather, felt and some Teflon drags require a coating of oil or a grease like Garcia Reel Lube, a silicone-based lube. Some tackle shops also have a really fine lubricant marketed by J. Lee Cuddy Co., which boasts a Teflon grease compound simply called "0025 Grease."

After re-assembling the drag it must be checked again, and it is best to check it under conditions that simulate fishing situations. The neighbors may think you are a bit touched in the head, but one excellent way to check your drag is to attach the line to your son's bike and let him ride off down the road for a half a block, or get your wife to run the car the same distance. You want to try both fast and slow runs with the rod arced as if actually fighting a fish. Any jerkiness will immediately show up.

If you still are not satisfied with the drag after a simple cleaning and relubing, we now have to dig a little deeper and look for other solutions to the bad drag.

Often times, the culprit may be the use of fiber washers by the manufacturer. These are the red or black, brittle washers that are usually found on spinning reels at the bottom of the spool where the spool seats on a platform on the reel axle. Sometimes the fiber washer is under the drag knob itself, or on conventional reels, it may be under the main gear. Try replacing this fiber washer with a Teflon, leather or felt washer. Conventional reels can only use a Teflon washer under the gear. Put the drag back together and test again.

Drags with all Teflon washers are noted for two things: their smoothness and the high amount of pressure to get the drag started slipping. You can solve this by replacing one or more of the Teflon washers with other drag material.

Some drags today have plastic washers or areas where the plastic surfaces touch fast-spinning drag surfaces. A small amount of the Cuddy or Garcia lube will keep them slipping smoothly. You can sometimes use a Teflon washer to shim the plastic surfaces and keep them apart.

Drags with all asbestos washers are notorious for being finicky and performing poorly when doused with water or oil. You can smooth them out by replacing one or more of the asbestos washers with Teflon. Don't lubricate, though—leave the drag dry.

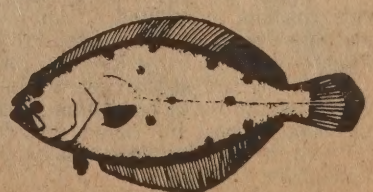
I spoke to Dan Estrada of Anglers Reel Service, an outfit that specializes in supplying tackle shops with virtually any reel part, including some of the harder to find custom type conversion parts. Dan had the perfect solution to jerky Penn asbestos drags. He replaces them with a drag kit from Carl Newell Co. These kits contain a complete set of stainless steel washers plus a set of Teflon-impregnated washers. Dan also replaces the red fiber washer beneath the gear with a Teflon washer. According to Dan, the results are super and he would be glad to supply parts to any shop interested in performing the conversions. Dealers can contact him at (201) 447-6898. Dan does not sell direct to individual fishermen—so please, dealers only.

Drag washers should be easily available at any tackle shop, but you may have to do a little digging to figure out which washers will fit which reels. For instance, Penn makes leather washers for their Squidder that will also fit many spinning reels. The Shakespeare washers will also fit other reels. It is a matter of trial-and-error.

Good sources of Teflon washers, aside from the factory washers available at any tackle shop, are Zing Products, Box 1407, Fall River, Mass., 02722 and World Wide Sportsmen, P.O. Drawer 787, Islamorada, Fla 33036.

World Wide Sportsmen also offers a service to fishermen who appreciate the beauty of casting an Ambassadeur reel, but who have had some problems keeping a smooth drag when using the smaller sized 5000 and 6000 series reels for bigger fish. Mike Hyman at World Wide can set you up with a totally new drag system that involves filling in the original gear, re-machining it and installing an outstanding Teflon drag system. The price varies with the model of the reel, but I had an Ambassadeur 7000 converted for around $25. I use that reel for everything from bunker dunkin' to sharkin' and offshore trolling with twelve pound test line. The reel has taken tarpon to one hundred pounds; channel bass and small tuna. The drag conversion was worth it.

If you can't solve the problem of a jerky, erratic drag by the steps we covered here, I would suggest you take the reel to a qualified repairman for closer attention. We have seen reels with warped spools, buckled drag washers and bent shafts that only a good repairman could spot.



AN OFFER YOU CANNOT REFUSE

by Gerald Hahn

Would you rather catch forty bay porgies in the course of a day, or twenty sea porgies in two hours? Before answering, consider that a typical bay porgy is about eight inches long and weighs three-quarters of a pound; whereas a sea porgy (humpback) begins at twice that weight and extends to over three pounds. During the summer, many boat renting fishermen offset hitless days of surfcasting in Long Island with the "sure thing" of fishing for small porgies in various bays. These scrappy little fish are a delight to catch with light tackle and the great numbers caught can leave one weary. But large porgies are hard to find in most bays. Except for a brief run in late May or June when they migrate to shallow waters from the Continental Shelf, ocean-bound scup then settle down in the deeper waters of L.I. Sound and the Atlantic.

Catching a two pound porgy on light tackle is like running into the Keystone Cops; never giving up, it starts and stops with sudden, high-speed jerks, darts and zigzags in a thousand directions at once, straining your fishing gear to the breaking point. As our noted local fisherman, Scott Simons, says, "If porgies only grew to the size of ten pound blues..."

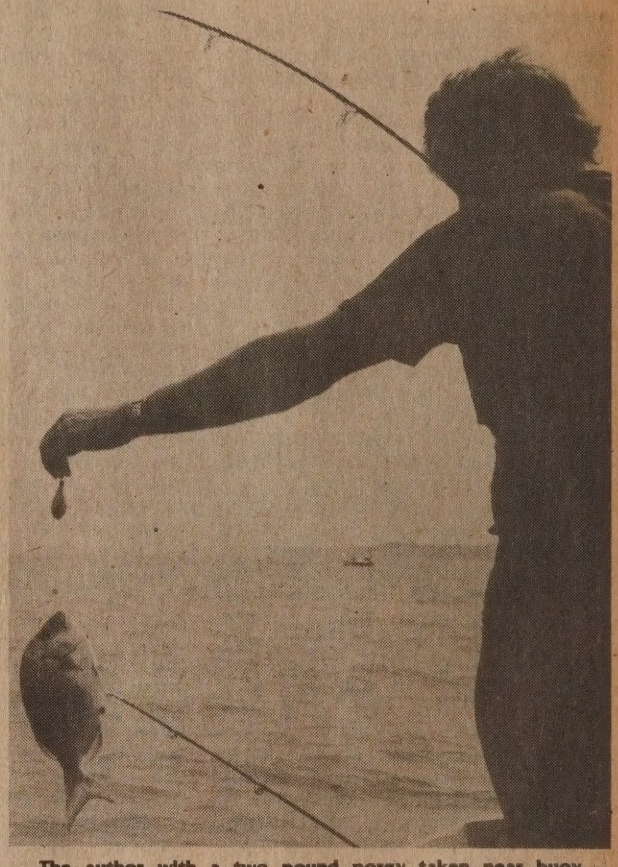
Except for an occasional encounter with outsize scup while fishing for fluke in Moriches Bay or weaks in the Peconics, most of the large porgies I had caught in the past were from party boats. But heavier tackle requirements in this type of fishing, as well as the loss of exploring on my own, left me with a desire to try new fishing territory. Someday, I will get around to it, I thought. In fact, the day I rented a boat with my friend, Carl Catania out of Port Jefferson Harbor (an area I know well from the surf), I was thinking more about late summer blues off Mt. Misery Shoals and blackfish, than about porgies. I thought I had my fill of porgies that summer in the Peconics, Shinnecock Reef, and off the beaches of L.I. Sound. Saddened at the fishing station, however, that blackfish had not arrived in full force yet, we bought some sandworms and clams instead of fiddlers. "Porgies at Oldfield Point," said the man.

We headed out through the inlet to Mt. Misery Shoals, slightly northeast. After a couple of hours of hitless trolling, drifting, and plugging near buoy 11 for hide-and-seek bluefish (mostly hidden that day), we submitted to bottom fishing and headed west to Oldfield Pt. Locating the bell buoy, 11A, off a rocky outcropping was no trouble at all on this calm, breezeless morning. By 10AM, we anchored about two hundred feet north of the buoy, baited up with clams and worms, and let our lines down twenty to thirty feet to the bottom. Immediately, our rod tips began vibrating to the pecks below, but we had no pick-ups. As we were re-baiting, an old-timer came along in his private boat.

"What are you fishing for—porgies?" he asked with disdain. I nodded. "You're not going to catch anything here," he followed. "Want to catch porgies one-and-a-half to two-and-a-half pounds?"

I looked up at him, somewhat bewildered by this offer. I guess I was also thinking about the hits we had just encountered; but before I could respond, he added, "C'mon, follow me," and was off like a shot with his 40 horsepower outboard.

Being New Yorkers, Carl and I are used to all kinds of strange offers. We looked at each other in disbelief,



The author with a two pound porgy taken near buoy 11A in Long Island Sound.

slightly paranoid about being given something for nothing. Then we laughed, pulled up the anchor, and crawled after him about a quarter of a mile north of the buoy. How he located the spot was beyond me; he did not appear to have a depth recorder or electronics aboard (except for some music from his radio), made a quick pass in a semi-circle, and dropped his anchor. By the time we pulled up alongside, he was already cracking clams and mussels for chum and baiting up his two rods with worms. "You have two hours to catch them," he said with authority, "An hour more to high slack and about an hour after that."

Thinking about blues and blacks at the fishing station, we had not considered buying chum for porgies. But we did the next best thing: minced some of the clams into tiny shreds like Chinese chefs and dribbled them over the side while baiting up and letting out lines, forty to sixty feet to the bottom. Five minutes passed and everything was still. Then another five. Just as I was beginning to have second thoughts about our companion and this spot, the old-timer (whose name I never received) called out, "Look at that—one-and-a-half pounds!" as he held up an iridescent, mother-of-

pearl humpback. "It should be starting now," he added. And then he went at it as we looked on in disbelief. Porgy after porgy came over the deck—singles, double-headers, all big fish, almost without a stop for the next two hours. Every so often, he showed us an unusually large humpback or a double-header—like an auctioneer, a proud merchant at a bazaar: "Look at that—over two pounds!" spicing his display with advice, "Make sure you're on the bottom." We picked up a few fish, but both of us were catching only one fish to every three the old-timer caught by himself. Within two-and-a-half hours we caught twenty-five; he about forty to fifty—an unbelievable performance. By 12:30, everything went dead, the action tapering off during the last half hour, just as he said.

Every new spot has its own quirks, and methods have to be altered to accommodate them. He knew all the tricks from considerable experience; a real pro. But I picked up many of them pretty fast. If you concentrate, you can, as well. When not fishing or painting, I teach and a method I use is to show my students all the rules I know. Once they learn the basics, I teach them how to break the rules, to experiment. The most difficult students to teach, however, are not the beginners, but the ones who are overly confident, cocksure about a device or trick they picked up at another school. When new situations or problems arise, they become frustrated because the old methods do not work and they refuse to let them go. In this respect, fishing is not very different. At first, I applied all the rules I knew about porgy fishing; but when they failed, I began to watch that man and experiment. Had I not, we would have caught only a few fish instead of twenty-five.

First, I considered the spot he found. Perhaps he used landmarks to locate this place (which is near a wreck, by the way). Even so, this is open water and a wreck or dropoff that small would be difficult to locate without instruments, or at least some trial-and-error. But our friend had not hesitated at all before dropping the anchor. By pulling up alongside his boat, I knew we were in the correct general area. Next, I also realized that he had to do better because of the chum. Although he only chummed sporadically after getting it started, he had brought a great deal with him; we had not. We tried fishing about forty feet east of him and when our pick-ups were too few, I told Carl to pull up the anchor. "Where you going?" the old-timer called out. "Maybe it's better on the other side of your boat," I said. He agreed, "Come in closer there and you'll get some of the drift from my chum." Exactly what I had in mind; fishing improved after that.

But there was still something wrong. Recollecting bay fishing methods for porgies was useless here because I prefer drifting there—a device that produces fewer fish, but more exciting hook-ups, as well as possibilities of catching other species. Fishing from an anchored boat in the shallow waters of bays requires little concentration—you can wedge a rod against an oar and watch the porgies hook themselves. Even on party boats, whether anchored or drifting, there is little you can do from your locked-in position but get your line way out or straight down and jig the bait a little. Unless you secure a prime position, fishing success depends on fate as much as skill. Did the mates disperse the chum near you or elsewhere? Which side of the boat will the fish strike first? As I watched our generous friend, I noticed that he not only let line out to the bottom, but also followed this by letting out some more. I gave it a try. First, I switched from a three ounce bank sinker to a five ounce to make sure I would feel the bump. After pausing a minute on the bottom, I let out about ten to fifteen feet more, creating a momentary slack in the line. Sure enough, as soon as the line straightened again, I felt several quick pecks, then a wallop. The rest was easy, because porgies are so obliging. Once hooked, they seldom free themselves and the effort and resistance they put up is remarkable. From then on, I forgot about our kind neighbor, about blues and blacks, and began pulling in fish at a steady rate—including double-headers and two-and-a-half pounders that had the rod tip almost in the water. Carl got the hang of it after awhile and began bringing up porgies as well. The drop-back method was confirmed by our pro next door who called out at one point, "Leave some slack in the line." In other words, don't just sit there—work your rig!

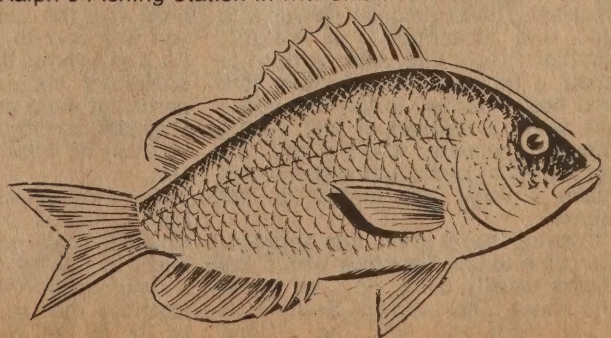
Fishing for porgies in the Sound can be done with moderate spinning gear, a six to seven foot medium rod and a reel comparable to the Garcia 300, filled with fifteen to twenty pound test. On calm days, three ounce banks will do, but bring along some four to six ouncers as well. A light, conventional rod and matching reel, however, is better for getting line out quickly and working the rig back and forth, as described above. The rig can be the familiar two-hook rig: one tied to the middle of the other, as for bay fishing. Use twelve inch snells of thirty pound test and #1, beak or claw hooks with sliced shanks. Tie an end loop for the sinker and a dropper loop about three inches above on the main line—and you're in business. A better rig, however, is a high-low with two droppers: one three inches above the sinker, the other slightly over a foot above. The largest humpbacks prefer the top hook. If you want to prevent line twists or occasional snags from breaking your line at the rod, tie an eighteen inch length of thirty pound test leader onto a barrel swivel with improved clinch knots and use it for your hooks and sinker, as described.

Chumming is a must on the Sound. The simplest method is to crack mussels or clams and scatter them up-tide from the boat. A chum pot is effective, as well, and a combination of the two best at the start. Once you get a hit, continue chumming periodically. Start fishing an hour or so before high slack and continue for another hour or so after the tide turns. You can also try the same around low slack. In-between, you can enjoy the sun. Or try drifting once the action tapers off; you may pick up a few more fish. But little will happen thereafter until the tide turns again. Other alternatives for the between-tide periods would be going for blues, weaks, or fluke back at Mt. Misery. Or you can move to the entrance to Port Jefferson Inlet and catch bay porgies (you probably will not want to after catching humpbacks).

Weather is important. In small, rented skiffs, it will be difficult to hold bottom on a windy day. On foggy days, you will not be permitted to rent a boat. Even on moderately breezy days, you may drift somewhat from your anchored position—which is not bad for porgy fishing. But you will have to return to your spot periodically. Do not be concerned about flat, mirror-like water—porgies do not care. This type of fishing can be done all summer; but from late August through September, sea porgies will be at their largest.

Use the photo to align your boat with the landmarks. Note the bell buoy between mast and fish, the sand cliffs. There are also three smokestacks (not visible in the photo) to the right of the boat in the rear. If you do not find the general depth at first, forty to sixty feet—move slightly north or south. Once you locate it, you will become the recipient, as I did, of an offer you cannot refuse from a real pro.

Note: In Port Jefferson, boats can be rented at Caraftis Fishing Station. Nearby to the west is Mae's Way Fishing Station in Kings Park and to the east, Ralph's Fishing Station in Mt. Sinai.



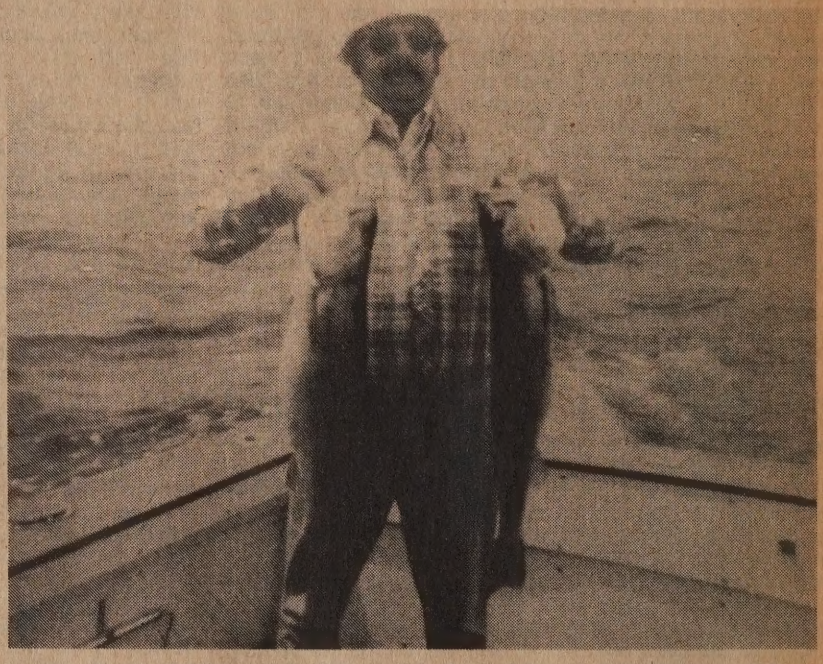
WEAKFISH MAGIC

by Richard Giessuebel

The weakfish is perhaps the true "fisherman's" fish. For, after all, he's beautiful, he's big, he's powerful—and most of all, he's quite capable of being caught on exceptionally light tackle. Put all this together and you have a fish that will challenge any freshwater fish as far as sheer enjoyment of catching in any freshwater impoundment on ultra-light tackle. The best part is, however, that we don't have to travel to Pepacton Reservoir to get in on the action, since the species we seek makes the Raritan Bay and environs part of his summer home. Therefore, all we have to do is to study where he's most likely to be caught; his feeding patterns, and perhaps several techniques that have proven to be quite successful in the past and we'll be ready to go out there and collar a few of these sleek and powerful fish.

Let's first discuss the places where the weak can be caught in the Raritan Bay. Let's begin along the Staten Island shore. Perhaps my most successful weakfish spot is off of New Dorp Avenue beach by the storm sewer. North of this point, there isn't really any beach fishing for them; however, here at New Dorp, the weaks seem to come in on a high tide whenever that high tide falls very near dawn or dusk. These weaks aren't very selective either and they can be caught on just about anything. The way in which we put in most of our time is by fishing snappers on a fluke rig. We actually fish for the fluke that are plentiful in this locale and almost every time, we're rewarded with a weakfish or two. However, these fish will strike Hopkins or Krocodile Spoons, swimming plugs, and they will even pick up worms fished on surf rigs consisting of a triangular swivel with one end attached to a weight, another to your line, and the third to about a two foot leader with a cork and hook attached to the end. Once the worm is applied, it will dangle down in the water where it can't be consumed by crabs and where it will make a very easy target for the weaks.

Moving south from this location, we come to another place where the weaks usually come right on up to the shore. The place is Great Kills Park. Here you will find a long expanse of sandy beach ended off by a jetty that stretches off out into the bay. All along here, the weaks come in and chase bait. They're, again, very susceptible to a snapper fished for the fluke on a high tide at either dawn or dusk. Don't be surprised at the number of fluke you can catch either, because there's really hardly ever been a time that I've gotten skunked in this area.



Tony Cuzzo displays a few of the catch. These twins go over twelve pounds a piece.

Further south, you come to the beaches of Princess Bay. Here, again, as above, the weaks can be caught on a regular basis.

As for fishing from a boat, I'll give you the prime locations, and you will have to take it from there. I'll also tell you what kind of fishing scores for me in each one of the particular areas and then later, when I explain how to fish in that manner, you will be filled in on the particulars.

The most consistent offshore location I fish is in the Chapel Hill Channel which runs from West Bank Light in the north, to the Leonardo Ammunitions Pier in the south. The locations that produce the best are by the #5 Bell channel indicator; by the black nun markers #3 and #7 on an outgoing tide, and by the red nuns marked 2, 4, and 6, on an incoming tide. All of these markers are on the southern end of the channel and the best ways to fish for the weaks in this area is either by drifting worms or by jigging bucktails across the channel. On occasion, you can anchor up-current of one of these locations and chum behind your boat with some grass shrimp, thereby bringing the weaks in right behind you, where you can fish with worms or shrimp on the bottom and score. However, when I fish in this area, I like to fish bucktails adorned with either a squid or Mister Twister teaser-tail on the bucktail as an added inducement. (Techniques will be discussed later.)

Another prime weakfish location is in the vicinity of Nortons Point. Anywhere from under the Verrazano Bridge to the Point is where a school of weaks could surface at any given time and be caught by either trolling or bucktailing. Around the point and along the beach weakfish cruise all night long. They feed most consistently once the tide is really running

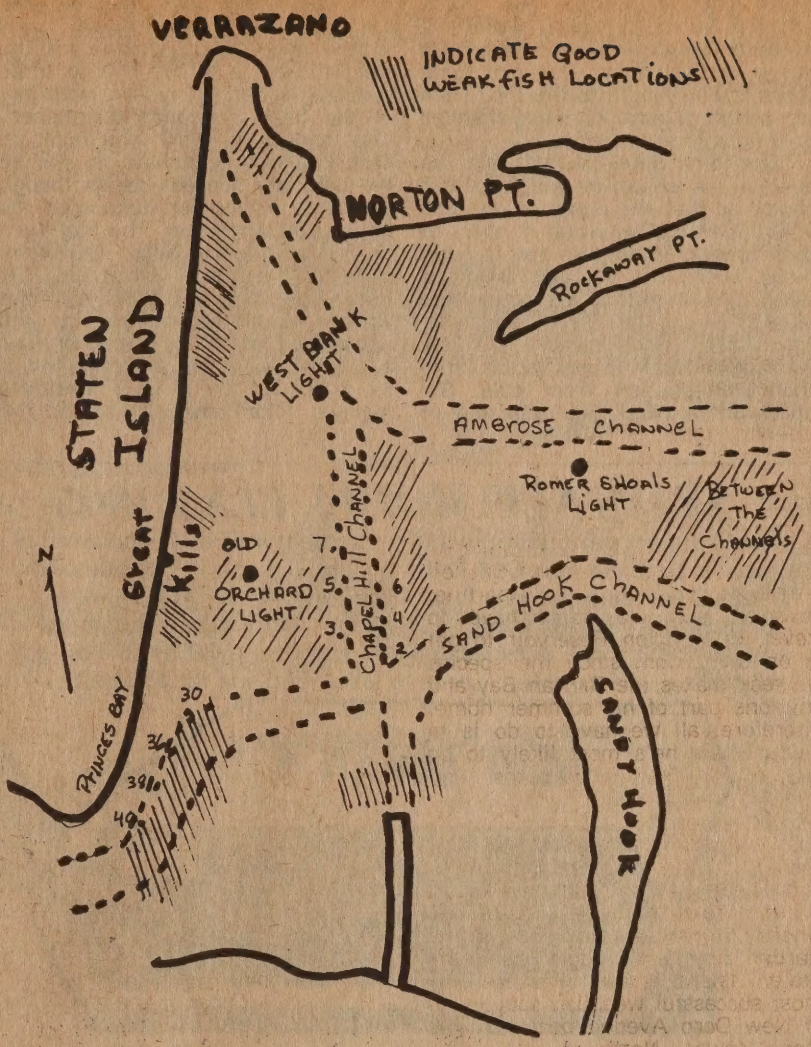
and they are suckers for trailed worms, shedder crabs, squid strips, or baitfish such as snappers, sand eels, killies or spearing.

Around the southern end of Staten Island, the best places to collar weakfish is around the channels in Princess Bay. Markers #36, #38, and #40, all produce weakfish on worms from time to time throughout the season. Also, weaks can be caught from off the Great Kills Harbor entrance. However, fishing here shouldn't be just confined to weaks, because the fish will just move in and out of here, and they will never really take up residence here as in the other various locales that I've mentioned.

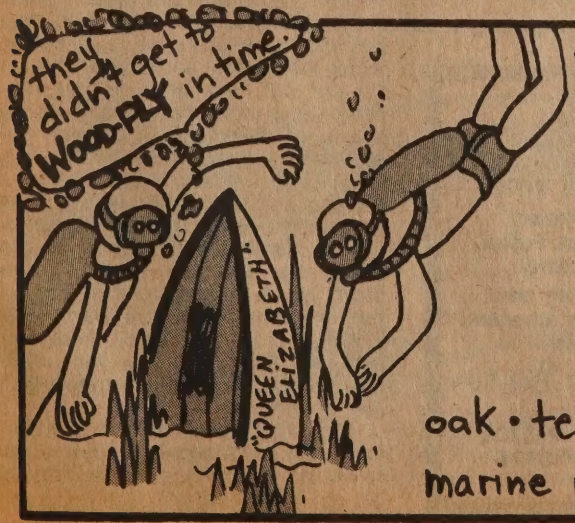
Off of Great Kills Harbor lies Old Orchard Shoals. Here is another location that the fish seem to move through on occasion, but rarely take up residence for longer than a couple of days. However, should the weaks be in this area, you should try to get here. This is because, of all the locations I've mentioned, Old Orchard Shoals is about the easiest to find. Right on the shoals, there's a lighthouse which is rather visible from many locations. As far as a heading, the light is on an azimuth of 122° out of Great Kills Harbor. From the end of Great Kills Channel, it's about a 116° course. As far as from the north, the light is on a 225° course from Nortons Point, and a 240° course from Sheepshead Bay. The light is about nine miles from Sheepshead Bay.

The fishing at the light is perhaps the best near nightfall and the fish that are caught there must move in from the area of the Chapel Hill Channel. Therefore, at the light and on out to the channel markers 2, 4, and 6, the fish are caught by trolling on a course of 130° out to the channel, and 310° back. I mention these headings, because at night, this is about all you have got to really go on.

One final location where these fish are caught is in an area known as "between the channels." This location runs from the Tin Can Grounds just off Rockaway Point, on out to and across the channels "between the channels" of Ambrose in the north and Sandy Hook in the south. A compass heading of 200° will hit the mark from the tip of the Rockaways. The manner in which we fish here is by trolling.



Now, let's discuss the baits and the techniques. First of all, the rig that we use when we're drifting is pretty much the same rig—no matter what the bait. Therefore, I'll give you the rig once: we run our line down to a one-way swivel. We attach the weight to it. Above the swivel some eight inches, we make a



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dropper loop and then again some three feet above it, we make another. To the droppers, we attach a leader of some sixteen inches in length to the bottom loop and some three feet in length to the top. Then we attach a size #2 short-shanked gold hook to each leader.

Depending upon the bait and the current, we adjust the weight of our choice so that the angle of our line where it enters the water is about at a 45° angle. Sometimes you can get away with less weight; and on others, you might have to go as high as eight ounces. At times like these, I just don't fish, because I rarely pursue the weak on any tackle more than a freshwater trout pole. So, once the terminal gear gets out of hand, I switch species of fish and go after something that'll give me what I want on heavier tackle.

Now, once the rig is made and the weight used is in the one to three ounce category, I'll bait up with any of the baits previously mentioned. The manner in which you hook up each is also very similar, in that all the baits are hooked just as though you were fishing for fluke with the hook piercing just the forward portion of the bait once. The worm shouldn't be balled up at all. The hook should be stuck into the worm's mouth section and out the worm just about an inch or two back. This will then allow the worm to drift out in a very enticing manner. Hits come quickly and the weak will usually hook himself. Then, once he has, you shouldn't try to set the hook anymore, but rather simply apply a steady and easy pressure that will, undoubtedly, eventually whip the fish. With light gear, the hit and first runs are always sensational. Then, it's just like fighting freshwater trout in any reservoir—only a matter of time and enjoyment. Once a concentration of fish has been found, stick in the area where the hits are coming from. Weaks are schooling fish, and more hits should be soon to come. Another thing that you can do right now is to mark your first fish caught with a thirty foot length of line attached to the fish by a hook under the dorsal fin to a balloon on the other end. Now, by returning this fish to the water, you'll have the best fish finder in the sea. Wherever the balloon goes, so should go the school of weaks. All you have to do is to stay up with the target and fish away. When you're ready to go, either cut your buddy loose, or pull in that fish so that you have something to show for your effort.

Bucktailing is also another quite simple matter. The bucktails that I like are the ball or smiling jack types painted yellow, with a yellow dressing in the one to three ounce range. Again, I attach a teaser tail to my lure and then I proceed to drift with a bouncing motion up and down off the bottom as I go. Once I catch a fish, I either mark the spot, the fish, or the location so that I'll be able to return right back to where I started, usually just up-current of where I've caught the fish. By this maneuver, I tend to get quite a few fish in a very quick succession, and on occasions, the feeding will last for over an hour.

As for trolling, I really don't go in for it; but once in awhile I'll do it to either kill the monotony or to locate some new schools of fish. The manner in which I troll is to play out about one hundred feet of wire line, a trolling sinker of up to six ounces, followed by fifteen feet of twenty pound test monofilament line to which I attach a single tube. I prefer to fish the color green, but I've used both purple and orange on occasion, which have also produced. That is, I'll put out four lines in the rear, maybe one umbrella rig, and I'll put out a lot of colors. The color that scores very frequently is then the color I switch everything to. I troll at a speed that will bring my lure along the bottom and just fast enough so that it doesn't hang up. With the above rig, you can expect to get down about twenty feet or so and this is about where you want to be while inside the bay. Once out between the channels, you might want to run about one hundred sixty feet of wire.

Well, that about does it. Remember, weaks are certainly good adversaries and awfully good tasting; so get out there and give 'em a try.

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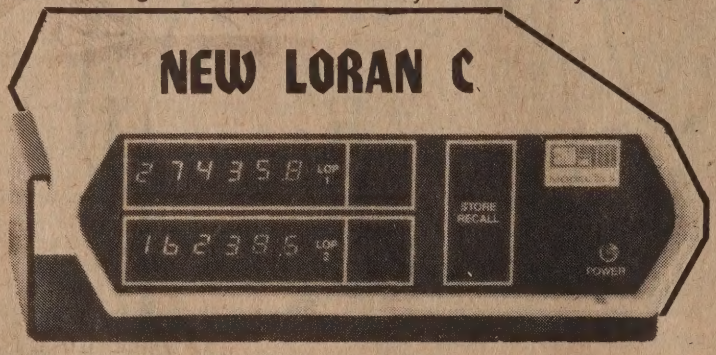

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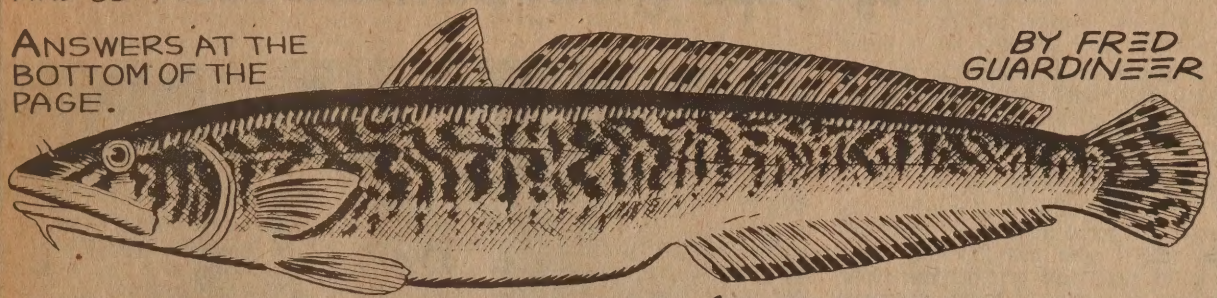

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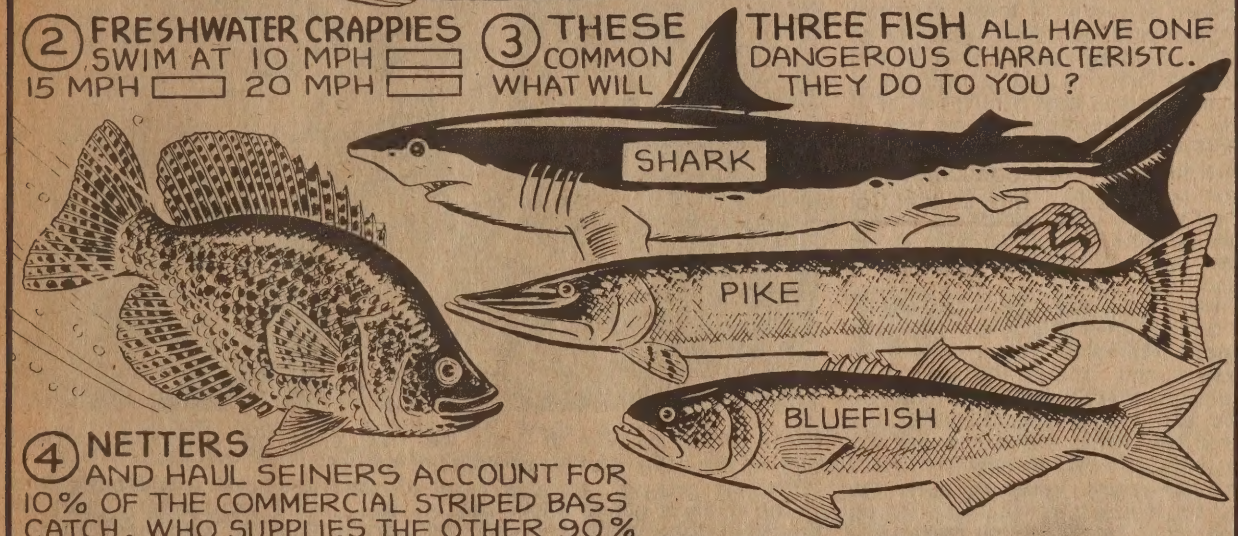

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THE TOPS

by Capt. John DeMaio

It continues to amaze me that so many sportfishermen pass up casting for other methods of fishing. Catching fish by casting an artificial lure and retrieving it is the utmost in fishing fun and excitement.

To back up that statement I will recall an incident aboard my boat last fall. I was working the south side of Montauk casting bucktails. Among my party of three were two anglers who had fished with me all season. Their talent with a rod allowed them to take advantage of some excellent bass fishing earlier in the year, including a June trip of eleven bass, with fish going into the mid-thirties. After pulling two small, four pound bass out from between the rocks on bucktails—his first-ever casting—the angler turned to me and said, "This beats everything else."

Have you ever had a large bass hit a bucktail only thirty feet from the boat? The fish comes up from behind and inhales the lure in a gulp. To you, it's a big thump on the end of the line. Between the time you swing the rod to set the hook, a split second goes by before the fish reacts. When he does, the big tail makes a tremendous swirl on the top of the water that makes you think the fish is twice as big as he really is. Then he takes line. Taking a run between the boulders, on light line, the fish has a chance. Unfortunately for the bass, they usually head for deep water when frightened. If it weren't for this behavior pattern, half the fish hooked on Montauk's south side would break off.

Learning to catch fish casting is time consuming; also difficult to begin without a mentor. Having someone who is good at it along with you on a couple of trips is of great help. You need a start.

Once you develop technique, amazing things begin to happen. As a sculptor runs his hands over his carving and feels out the delicate nuances, so does the angler work a lure. This is so true in using the bucktail. You cannot see the lure on top; it is meant to fish deep.

Don't "matter-of-fact" fish when casting. Cast and reel it in. Cast and reel it in. **Feel** the line back in. Place your cast strategically. Vary the depth you allow the lure to fish at; change the speed of retrieve—fast, slow. Perhaps a jigging motion. Most important: learn to cast well! Under all conditions; breezy days and black nights. An experienced

caster should be able to place the lure in the same spot twice—blindfolded.

The ability to get off a long cast is essential—today more than ever. All too often the bass are boat shy, especially at night, and a long cast will reach them. Don't be fooled because you caught one only a short distance from the boat. Could be the fish followed a ways before he made up his mind to bite. Chances are the long cast was needed to catch the fish close. **Make the same cast again.** And so the necessary ability to be a casting wizard. Even a rifle is useless if you're a poor marksman. Waste some time—learn to cast!

Your casting stick should be an outfit like no other. Light in weight, strong, and responsive. You should treasure it. For the reel—only the best money can buy. A loyal powerhouse that will serve you well. Strength and durability to meet the challenge when called upon. Both rod and reel should be a perfect blend of balance and agility, the emphasis on balance. A certain feeling should exist when fishing a well matched rod and reel. Believe me, it will make a difference.

For a casting rod, I use a rod I make myself. It suits my needs here in Montauk. Another area, and it may not be the answer. The blank is eight feet and has individual cork ring grips; six guides and a tip. The rod ends up weighing fourteen ounces.

Now the loyal powerhouse. First off, I don't use spinning gear. My preference is with conventional tackle. Without the ability to allow the line to pass through my fingers on the retrieve, I would lose the **feel** of the lure. This is a must for the bucktail. The Penn Squidder served me well in the beginning. Two of its primary faults is the backlash problem and the inability to cast lures that weigh under one ounce.

About sixteen years ago, an old buddy of mine, Dr. Ben Sherman (known in the bay area as a good fisherman and also a credit to his profession), turned me on to the Ambassadeur 6000 bait casting reel. This reel brought about a dramatic change in casting for me. Finally, a tough little reel that could toss a lure under one ounce. Since the introduction of this reel, many similar models have appeared on the market. Never having tried any of the others, I cannot comment on their fish-worthiness. Besides, like Ben Sherman always says, "Never leave the girl that loves ya."

I find fifteen pound test line to be the highest this reel will go and still give maximum performance. Lighter lines work even better.

Montauk is not the only place you can take bass casting. Some of my customers catch fish along both shores of Long Island. Friends tell

me of still taking some bass in the bay area by casting. Although the bass scene worsens, there is hope for a skillful caster. At times, the casting method will outfish all the other favorite and popular fish catchers.

Not only bass, but other species can be enjoyed casting. Bluefish: these guys are generally available up and down Long Island all season long. Weakfish jump on bucktails like crazy. They come in large sizes and have a pattern in feeding habits which makes them somewhat predictable. Bonitos, false albacore and fluke can also be taken casting. You would never believe how hard a fluke can hit a lure. After several years of experimenting, I believe a bucktail properly fished will catch more fluke than the conventional bait affairs most often served up to fluke. Bucktails are not the only lures that work. I will admit to being outfished, on occasion, by plugs. Never tins—only plugs; so a variety of lures can help and add to the fun.

Most of Montauk's bass hawks rarely cast; trolling and live bait is preferred. These methods require less experience for success. Trolling is tricky and demands skill and experience. This is evident by the catches of various boats. Some guys always manage to do better. What trolling does not require is a physical feel for it. Live bait is a joke. It makes it all too easy—but who can argue with success.

Before the chartering days, I did a lot of nighttime casting. My catches stayed with other boats. Man to man, I outfished most. You can still do it, only it takes time. Time to get the **feel** and the knowledge of productive areas.

Take away the re-sale value of striped bass and I am sure more anglers would go to light lines. For me, the present fishing scene suits my fancy. When I do fish at night, the beaches are all mine.

Casting is not for everyone. It is for the fisherman who demands more. Once you have mastered the casting skills and gained that all important confidence in your ability, you will see how it is possible to outfish other methods when in shallow places.

A caster encounters more problems than with other fishing methods. Strong winds inhibit casting; also suspended weeds in shallow water areas foul the lure and make things impossible. Don't forget groundswells on ocean beaches. Too much traffic will also hinder your success. One factor to reckon with is the problem of a crowded boat. My experience has made me a believer that the less people when casting, the better.

I hope these writings have aroused your interest in casting. With the sophistication of today's tackle, casting is more enjoyable than ever. No other fishing method can come close to it: it's without equal. Casting is the tops!

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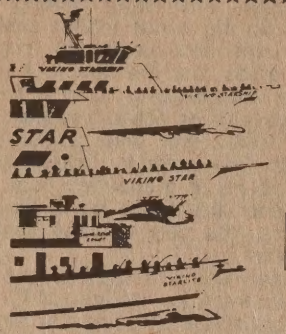

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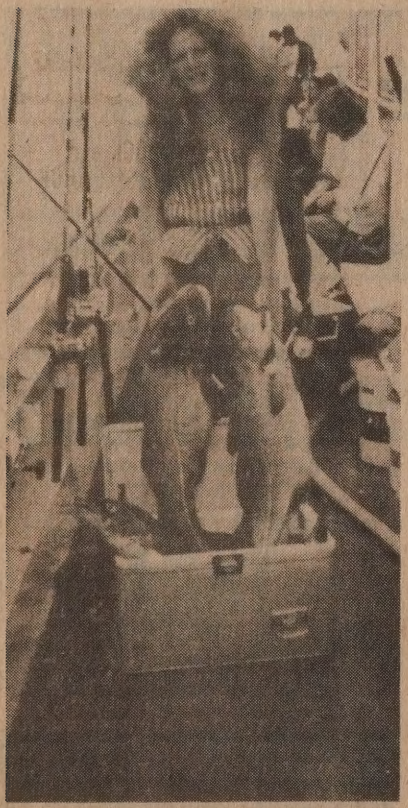


Helen Skevakis with two of four large cod she decked recently aboard the "Viking Starship."

Charter boat **King Wayne** called to report that their charters did well on blues all week. Monday's trip for Gene Heslin of Long Beach for the Vermont State Troopers boated 110 blues up to 18 lbs. diamond jigging off the Sub Buoy. Tuesday's trip for the same group went sharking and boated a 157 lb. mako and 5 blue shark, all of which were released. Saturday's charter for Richard Ferris and group mohawked 357 blues up to 18 lbs. diamond jigging off the Sub Buoy. Sunday's charter for Harry Quedens and group boated over 200 blues in the 6-17 lb. range.

Henry Colombi at **Star Island Yacht Club** tells us of Joan Cosgrove of NYC on the boat Snow Escape fishing with 12 lb. test line and bagging a 50 lb. white marlin. Phyllis Linett of Washington, D.C. boated a 34 lb. albacore on 12 lb. test and a jet lure, which is a possible new IGFA record. A 190 lb. blue shark was bagged on 30 lb. test and a blue marlin and sword were dropped. This was in 500 fathoms in the Canyon over the weekend. Five white marlin were brought in this weekend. Don Clark on his boat Sea Horse bagged a 285 lb. bluefin tuna, a 160 lb. mako, a 27" mako, a 273 lb. tiger, a 45 lb. white marlin and some school tuna on an overnight trip to the Fish Tails. Fancy Pants in the Canyon bagged a 72 lb. white marlin and a 65 lb. tuna.

Charter boat **Adios** reported that inshore fishing is still great with blues, green bonito and weaks in good numbers. On Wednesday's offshore trip, Paul Kowalski hooked and landed a 77 lb. white marlin.

Captain Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** called to report that his inshore charters last week took large numbers of medium/large blues between the Lighthouse and Can 3. Some weaks as well as blues were trolled at the Sub Buoy earlier in the week.

Gone Fishing Marina reports that on Thursday the boat U-Haul caught 129 lbs. of blues off Shagwong up to 14 lbs. The catching was done by

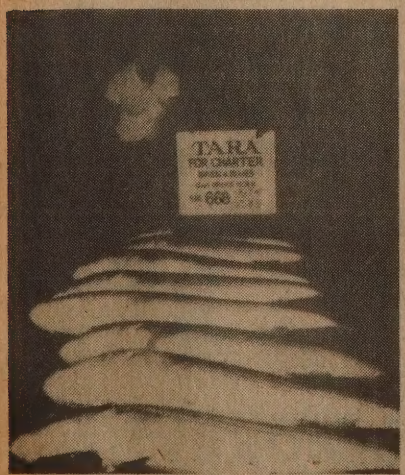
This nice catch of weaks up to 9 lbs. and a 20 lb. bass made the day for Hank Johnson and his son Carl. The pair took the fish while casting bucktails on the charterboat "Vivienne."

John Armato, Joni Zacharoff, Richard Zacharoff and Jeanniene Doucette with a fine half-day catch of 38 blues, 14 weaks and 10 bonito taken on the charterboat "Adios."

Linda Goldberg of Hartsdale, N.Y. Over the weekend, Jerry of the Boat J.B. had 11 fluke in the North Rips using squid and sand eels. Larry Pasko of Ridgefield, Ct. caught a 10 lb. black at Shagwong fishing from the charter boat **Captain Hook**. Pepe II totaled 3,000 lbs. of blues over the weekend at the Sub Buoy. Mike Macchiaroli and friends caught 200 lbs. of weaks and 250 lbs. of blues Saturday and Sunday.

Captain Jack Paccie of the charter boat **Windy** reported it was porgies Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 165-220 lbs. a day, fish from 1½ to 2½ lbs. Friday and Saturday it was blues and a few weaks on diamond jigs at the Sub Buoy in Southwest Ledge.

captain Bud Dorman of the **Viking**



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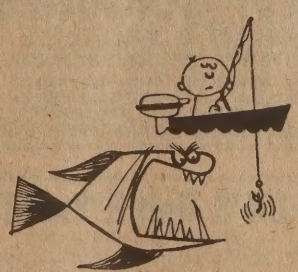

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Skipper II tells us that this past week the high winds held down the good fishing and also got the jumbo porgies on the move. Slammer porgies up to 3½ lbs. have moved into the midway rips at the Lighthouse. High hook Sunday was 56 and Bud says the fall run is beginning.

Captain Gary Kieffer on the charter boat **Barracuda** called to say offshore sharking this weekend saw his people tag and release 30 blue shark. They also sighted numerous giant tuna, but were unable to hook any. The tuna should start feeding very soon with a lowering water temp.

Captain Frank of the charter boat **Free Spirit** tells us this past week's fishing was good especially inshore. Tuesday's charter had 1 mako and released 3 blue shark. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday inshore charters had 50-100 mixed blues and

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Captain Spider Hegner and Irwin Ernst went out Friday for porgies for the first time in 10 years on Captain Fred Bird's **Flying Cloud**. They had over 80 porgies up to 3½ lbs., even catching them on slack water using skimmers for bait. All the action was at Midway Rips. George Downs also had 75 porgies that day.

Captain Tony Capra of the charter boat **Prowler** had Bob and Paula

Paul Karawowski landed this beautiful 77 lb. white marlin aboard the charterboat 'Adios.' The billfish jumped 10 times during the 25 minute fight.

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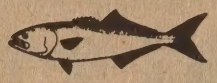

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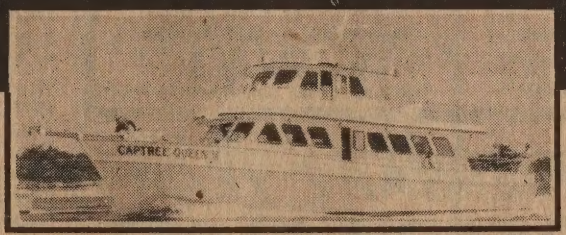

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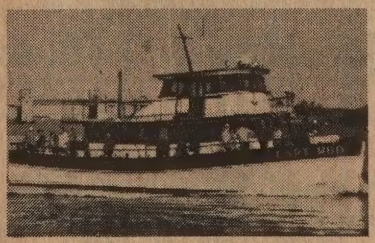

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Captain Fred of the charter boat **Seamist** had Rich Buckheit and group from North Shore Theatre Group and they fought what was believed to be a giant tuna for 3½ hours before the monster that they never saw broke off.

GREAT SOUTH BAY
★ BEST BET ★
FLUKE

MASTIC BEACH

Gary at **Stiriz' Fishing Station** reports crabs still plentiful from buoy 17 to the bridge, mostly in traps on the north side of the Channel when the north winds have been blowing. This has been on bunker and herring bait on all tides. Fantastic snappers from buoy 15/12, best on spearing with floats on all tides. Best fluking has been from buoy 19 to 26, action spotty but fish large on both tides on killies, sand eels and squid. Fluke have been from 3-5 lbs.

SAYVILLE

Vinnie at **Young's Fishing Station** reports very good weakfish action one to two miles off Sayville and throughout the area. This has been on sand worm and jelly worms. Some fluke still at the Ocean Beach

This nice pair of fluke was taken at buoy 17 on spearing and squid. Angler John Keindel left from Stiriz' Marina.

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WEST SAYVILLE

Mike at **South Bay Fishing Station** reports that on Sunday Ed Walsh and Bob Luongo boated 25 weaks in the 2-6 lb. range fishing two miles out of Browns River on squid and snapper fillets. A few kingfish have been taken on squid and some fluke are hitting baits off Ocean Beach.

EAST ISLIP

Wally at **Buoy 2 Sport Shop** reported fluke fishing has been fair but that he did know of one exceptional catch of 47 fluke to 7 lbs. taken in the Inlet on Saturday. Spearing and squid was the bait. Another customer reported catching a couple of small tuna south of the Inlet in 120' of water. Loads of snappers and crabs at all the local docks.

BAY SHORE

The openboat **Casey Lee** reported fluking was slow in the early part of the week due to the wind and cold but fishing picked up Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Average catch is about 3 fish per man all of which have been good sized. On Sunday Snake Hill Channel produced a fine catch of fish from 2 to 4½ lbs. on killies, spearing and fluke belly. Best action has been during the last of the flood and first of the ebb. The present leader in the Free Fishing for Life Contest is Victor Gorbia with a 5 lb. 2 oz. fluke. Now is the time to catch a winner as the biggest dormats are generally taken from now until the middle of September. Some early arriving customers have been netting good catches of crabs along the dock before departure time.

These fluke, all in the 3 lb. class, were landed by Richard Miller, Stacey Miller, and Tara Hickey on the boat, In Debt. Fish came from F.I. Inlet and were checked in at Smokey's Bait and Tackle.

Smokey's Bait and Tackle tells of 40-50 lb. tuna being trolled, also true albacore and bonito around the Texas Tower. Rich Ferri on Rum N Coke fishing south of the Texas Tower had a 34 and 36 lb. true albacore. Ned Eastman and Don Roth ganged up on a 15 oz. porgy. Some weakfish at Heckscher on squid strips. Porgies at the Lighthouse on sand worm and clam. Fair fluking at the bridge, Lighthouse, West Channel and at the Orchard. Some blowfish off Ocean Beach and Kismet. Blueclaws and snappers abounding. Cedar Beach has been producing some bass on bunker and mackerel chunks along with some 6 lb. class blues.

CAPTREE

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the charterboat **Lady Ann** reported fluke fishing this past week slower than it had been before all the wind and cold. Charters still manage to take from 40 to 100 fluke per day. Bluefishing has been fantastic during the night trips. Friday and Saturday nights saw 300 choppers in the 3 to 8 lbs. class come over the rails each night. Fishing is being done south of the Inlet, about a 1 hour and 15 minute ride. Capt. Neil described it as a "short ride for full bags". The day fishing has been hot and cold, nowhere near as consistent as the night action. The **Lady Ann** had a good catch of seabass on Saturday fishing the ocean reef. A few porgies and blackfish were also mixed in with the catch.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** reported that early in the week he was still running west to find bluefish but that later in the week a good body of fish was found near the NA Buoy south of the Inlet. The fish which run from 4 to 12 lbs. with an occasional larger such as Sunday's 17 lb. pool winner, respond to both jigs and chum. Speedy said that some bonito are mixed in with the blues and he too described the night action as "excellent".

The **Speedy VII** reported that fluke fishing is slower than it had been but fair fishing is still being enjoyed by most of the fleet. A number of 3 to 5 lb. fish make up the catches and the fishing should improve as the weather settles. Best action has been on the last of the flood tide from the Lighthouse down to the Inlet.

Capt. Rod of the open boat of the same name, called the fluke fishing pretty tough this past week due to the shot of cold weather. The past couple of days has seen it on the upswing. Best action has been on the last of the flood and first of the ebb and this week should include a

good portion of this tide during a day's fishing.

Capt. Richie of the openboat **Capt. Richie** called the fluke fishing the past couple of days "pretty good" as compared to the fishing of earlier in the week. Richie said all the fish are decent size and are being taken from the Light to the Inlet on killies and spearing.

The **Captain Scotty** reports excellent day bluefishing both Saturday and Sunday. Monday through Friday, day trips were good also. Note that this has all been on bait and chum, which is easier fishing than jigging. Action has been south of F.I. Inlet and to the east off the San Diego wreck. George says these are all big fish from 6-15 lbs. At night, it's mixed sizes from 1-14 lbs. fishing the same areas. Most fish are 4-6 lbers. The night trips have been a little more erratic this past week. Several 6-8 lb. bonito and 10-12 lb. albies have been also been hooked on day and night trips.

The **Capt. Ben Litwin** called to report continued good fluking from the Lighthouse to the mouth of the inlet. Eleven fares took home 57 keepers on Sunday's trip. Please note that the boat has discontinued their night bluefishing for the season but the boat will continue its daily 7AM schedule.

OAK BEACH

At **The Store**, Ruth reported things very slow over the weekend due to the weather. Snappers being taken off The Store dock and fluke fishing in the Inlet improved somewhat over earlier in the week.

BABYLON

Kurt at **High Hook Fishing Station** reports fluke catches have been good at the Coast Guard Station on spearing and squid on any moving tide, to the tune of 5-6 keepers per skiff. Ben Chamides had 14 keeper fluke on Saturday averaging 4 lbs. Andy Stone came back with two bushels of crabs also on Saturday. Snappers are a good item. Try Mario's new Italian style Seafood Restaurant in front of High Hook Fishing Station, which Mario also owns. The new eatery is open everyday but Monday. Mario's pet passion is cooking, so the food ought to be good and he says prices are very reasonable.

Captain John Bilitsky of the charterboat **Sea Ranger** called us via marine operator Monday morning to tell us he was fishing in 110' of water south of F.I. Inlet and was catching one bluefin tuna after another in the 20-25 lb. range on Red Cedar jigs. John also told us that he had a bluefish slaughter Sunday southeast of the Inlet and that also his night bluefish charters have been excellent.

Ski at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** tells us that his Snapper Derby was a big success and that the winner with a 5½ oz. snapper was Bethpage youngster Cory Yoboril, who took home a new 10-speed bike for his efforts. Blues were good Friday and Saturday in 60-65' of water trolling south of the whistler with umbrellas. Big schools were pushing on top. Tony LaCava of Deer Park weighed in a 27 lb. 1 oz. striper Saturday morning taken west of the Sore Thumb on clam. There have been rumblings of other bass. Ski knows of a 14 lber. taken on clam belly. The shop will have fiddler crabs for the weekend for all you blackfish fans. Blueclaws have been fantastic especially at night. Fluke have been best two hours on either side of the high. One to four pound weaks at Heckscher and Ocean Beach on squid strips. Remember, there is a 12" limit on weaks. Snappers abound.

SOUTH SHORE BAYS
★ BEST BET ★
FLUKE

LINDENHURST

Charlie's Bait and Tackle tells of plenty of snappers and blueclaw crabs. Fluking good from the Inlet mouth to the bridge on spearing, killies or sand eels. Lots of blues at around the 80' mark for chummers or trollers. Lots of green bonito at the 60' mark on green umbrellas and a few flounder starting at the Thumb on clam.

SEAFORD

Pop's Fishing Station reports that fluking was good over the weekend and there were also catches of kings, snappers, blowfish, crabs and small flounder. Joe Sysak and Henry Erikson of N.J. boated 13 keepers. Mr. Percelli took home a bushel of crabs. Snappers are plentiful. Most of the fluke were taken at Four Corners and south of it on killie-squid combos. The mixed bag came in from Meadowbrook and the 2nd Wantagh. On Thursday, a 15' grey Garvey bearing the number NY8765 BZ and a 6 h.p. Evinrude were rented by three people. Neither the people nor the boat and motor ever returned. If you see this boat on the water or see it beached anywhere, call Pop's Fishing Station. There is a $100 reward if the boat and motor are recovered. So far, there's been no trace of the boat's three occupants and of course, John at Pop's hopes that nothing has happened to them.

Captain Eddy's Fishing Station reports the largest fluke of the week for his boats was a 5½ lber. caught on Sunday, but that big numbers of fluke were knocked out by the windy weather. Plenty of sand porgies, palm size at Massapequa Cove. The bridges are holding snappers which are getting bigger everyday.

Uncle Hermie's Fishing Station reports that catches were not anything to crow about due to the shaky weather, but that a few flounder and sea bass are starting to show in the deeper holes and around the bridges. High hook boat for the week was 7 fluke. Fishing should bounce back once the water settles down.

MERRICK

Merrick Tackle in Bellmore reports lots of snappers all over the bays hitting spearing on a bobber and small tins. Crabs in traps is red hot and there are a few reports of small flounder beginning to trickle in. The shop is looking for a reel repair person, male or female, retired

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NATIONAL SCENE

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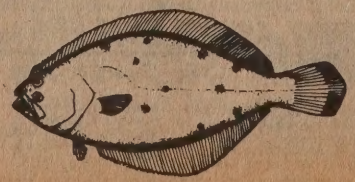
our views in Council, and to organize for future battles. There's little question at this point but that NMFS has no intention of permitting sport fishing representation from New York without a fight. If you run down the list of reappointees from other Councils, you'll find that representatives of well-organized commercial groups were invariably successful. Until sportsmen organize in similar fashion, they can expect to be treated in the same cavalier fashion as at present by their "public servants!"

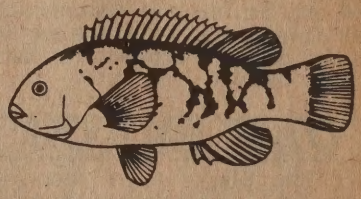


preferred. If interested, call and ask for Scott.

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** says that Merrick Point produced very well this past week and weekend and catches of 9-13 fluke in the 2-4 lb. range were not uncommon. These catches were drifted up or taken on the hook. The last of the ebb and the beginning of the flood were best, so this week's tide should be ideal. Ray Cotty had 12 all by himself. A few fluke were also taken by some of the station's boats working the Jones Inlet with a few weaks mixed in. Lots of snappers around.

BALDWIN

Andy at **arthur Street Fishing Station** tells us fluke was very good Thurs. and Fri. from Debs to Playland. On Thursday, Bob Abrams and crew had 23 keepers and 30 on Friday. Fishing the same area on Friday, Bob Gornsen and partner had a mixed bag of 40 weaks, blues and fluke all on fluke rigs with killie and squid for hook bait in the same area in 25-35' of water. Crabs plentiful in the bays.



This brace of 15 lb. blues were landed recently aboard the "Starstream II".. One of the choppers copped the pool for angler John Cardillo.

WEST END SOUTH SHORE
★ BEST BET ★
BLUES

FREEPORT

Captain Richie on the **Starstream II** reports good solid catches of blues on the weekend. Saturday's day trip saw 200, 5-8 lb. blues bouncing on the deck. Saturday night's catch was excellent also, with Captain Chris running the night trips. Forty-nine fares on Sunday had a good solid catch of 5-10 lb. fish working S.E. of the Inlet. During the day, fish were jigged but they were also taken on bait and chum, as they seemed to be less spooky during the daylight hours now.

Captain Sy of the **Blue Fin II** tells us that Thursday's charter bailed blues at Klondike. Monday through Thursday fish from 3-7 lbs. were hitting Ava diamond jigs and banana splits. Friday morning action slowed so they switched to fluking at Ambrose and in 1½ hrs. fishing time, boated 70 keeper fluke up to 4 lbs. On Saturday, it was to the Klondike for blues to 7 lbs. again. Sunday was very good late in the day with 8 lb. weaks mixed in with blues and fluke at Ambrose. The **Blue Fin** with Captain Ed DiLernia took a party out Saturday for some good sea bassing on local wrecks. Pool fish was a 5½ lb. sea bass for Brooklyn angler Joe D'Andrea. Sun-

Brian Murray with a 67 lb. mako taken aboard the charter boat "Apus." Several duskies and hammerheads rounded out the catch.

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Alan Schumann brought this 204 lb. mako to gaff on a recent charter trip aboard the Christine Lee. Photo courtesy of Charvin Fishing Station.

day's charter had excellent catches of weaks, blues and fluke at Ambrose on diamonds and banana splits.

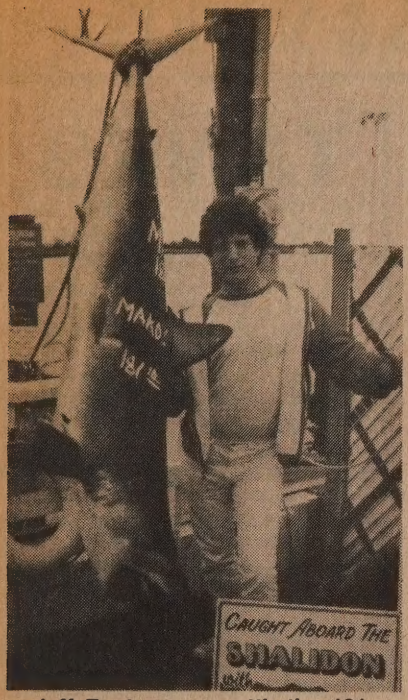
The **Aloma II** reports their night bluefishing trips are constantly scoring. This is all bait and chum.

Captain Hall reports on Sunday, all fares had at least 3-4 keepers working the back bays. Some porgies and sea bass were also taken. Friday's trip saw several big fluke. Two 5 lbers. tied for the pool. Third place went to a 4 lber. The rest of the week was up and down.

The **Miss Freeport II** skipper Tony Maio reports that Monday through Wednesday they picked away at fluke, but Thursday was fantastic fluking on their 10AM trip, working Jones Inlet. Fish were up to 3 lbs. Two ladies had 15 fluke between them. Eighteen fares had 60 keeper fluke, all on sand eels only. Friday night's bluefishing was excellent with 250 choppers coming over the rail fishing southeast of Jones. High hook was 24 blues. Sunday's charter for Roberts Chevrolet had weaks and blues at Ambrose. Diamond jigs and bananas put away blues from 1-3 lbs. and weaks up to 10 lbs. Tony says his 10AM weekday sailings are extremely popular, so all you late risers "come on down."

The **Capt. Al** reports bluefishing has been good all week and there are plenty of weakfish mixed in with the blues. The weaks are running 8-10 lbs. It's jigs during the day and butterfish on the hook at night.

Charter boat **Ivory Queen** called to tell us that Fri. Sat. and Sun., it was all bluefish. Friday's charter for Arnold Forbes and party of the NYTA fished the Tin Can and had a load of 2 lb. blues and 6 weaks up to 9 lbs. Saturday's trip for Vince Falso of S.I. and group duplicated Friday's



Jeff Davis shown with the 181 lb. mako he landed on the "Shalidon." Fish was taken 35 miles S.E. of Jones Inlet.

action. Sunday's charter for Ed Shiksnis of Howard Beach and group wailed away on weaks and blues. All catches were on Ava diamond jig and green bananas.

The **Capt. Lou III** tells us Monday and Tuesday's fluking was good in the back bays. Friday's action was very good with jumbo fluke on the outside, fish averaging 3-4 lbs. with a few 5-7 lbers. mixed in. Some small bluefish are occasionally part of the catch. High hook was in the teens on Friday. Saturday's action was fair due to the rain in the afternoon. Sunday's action was good in the morning fish locally. The boat will be fishing outside for bigger fluke here on in, weather permitting.

Hook, Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle tells of flounder in the 1 lb. class on the Merrick side of high flats drain on worms. Sand porgies in the holes of Merrick Bay. Some fluke in Reynolds Channel. Paul Gutman bagged a 7½ lb. fluke fishing the north side of Fundy Cut in Long Creek using spearing-squid combos. Lots of bunker all over the bay.

Charter boat **Shalidon** reports Tueday's and Wed.'s charters spent the days trolling up bluefish. It was an overnighter Canyon trip Fri. and Sat. for Jim Rainey of New Hyde Park and party. They had 7 yellowfin tuna in the 50-70 lb. class, three true albacore, 6 tile to 40 lbs., and a 225 lb. scalloped hammerhead. A mako estimated at 400-500 lbs. was on for 10 mins. before he broke off. Loads of sea life, porpoises, tuna, whales, etc.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports fluking is fair and seems to be picking up a little with some good sized fluke coming in from Fundy Bay, Swift Creek and High Flats. Some flounder, sand porgies and small weaks close in at High Flats right near the banks with worms and live snappers. Some nice crabs in Baldwin Bay on killie rings and traps. Crabbing died down a bit though after last week's rough weather.

Freeport Boatmen's Association says blues were a good number this week. Early in the week, the Association boats caught a lot of small blues and big weaks. Best was around the NA at the end of the week for larger 8-12 lb. blues. Chumming is working well now in the daylight hours. All of the boats are loading up with big fish of the week a 15 lb. blue taken on the **Mistress.** Cholera is holding fish now also. The Canyon produced 4 yellowfin tuna along with some true albacore for one of the boats. The HA area produced two bluefin tuna and a load of skippies for one of the boats. Night blues have been excellent fishing S.E. of the inlet for fish in the 6-12 lb. range. Fluke charters have been doing fair locally with some big fish over at Ambrose. The next cod wreck fish trip for the **Nite Owl II** will be Tuesday, Sept. 18. Some big cod are usually caught on these trips. See ad for details.

Charter boat **Jackpot** called to tell us that Saturday's trip for Hal Markoff and party fished S.E. of the HA in 140-150' of water and trolled up 5 bluefin tuna in the 50 lb. class plus 15 skippies on green machines, jet heads and feathers. Sunday's charter for Frank Semarnario and party fished the bay for a load of sea bass, blacks, porgies and nice size flounders in the bridge areas. Capt. Ken says he has some choice weekend dates available and will be having bluefish specials. See ad for details.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reported fluke fishing good for some, not so good for others. On the positive side Gary Valenti returned with an outstanding catch of 37 fluke to 6½ lbs. which he took drifting killies and squid between Short Beach and the Meadowbrook Bridge. This was on Saturday during incoming water. Also on Saturday, Ben and Izzie Kozuch checked in with 22 good size fluke taken on trolled spearing from the Flats along Reynold's Channel. Leonard Cohen and Abe Grossman had 5 fluke in addition to the 9½ lb. weakfish. Plenty of crabs and snappers being taken in the drains and off of local docks.

At **Scotty's Fishing Station**, came word of fluke in the 3 to 6 lb. class taken on sandeels and squid at the Tin Can Grounds. Locally fluke fishing a little on the slow side although some good scores were made near the Meadowbrook Bridge in recent days. Plenty of snappers spread throughout the bay and channels.

ISLAND PARK

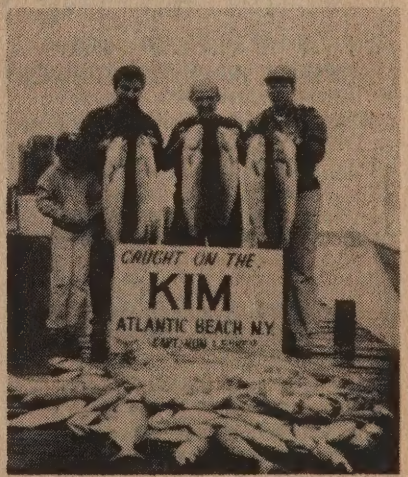
The Commodore reports Sunday was spectacular fluking if you hit the right tide at the right spot at Sandy Hook Channel and Ambrose Channel. Thursday saw Tom Rupp boat 23 keepers. On Sunday, Roy Mazzapelle had 12 fluke. Pool fish are averaging 6-12 lbs. everyday and there are a lot of 3-5 lbers. Sunday saw 80 fluke for 12 fares, averaging 5-8 fish per man. Incoming has been best and Capt. Clem says now is the time if you want to bag up on good number of large fluke.

LONG BEACH

Frank at **Long Beach Sports Marina** reported that the fluking picked up Saturday after some real slow fishing during the week. Spearing and squid fished on a moving tide produced several good scores. Leaders in the August segment of the marina fluke contest are Bob King and Jim Gentilescl who are tied at 5¼ lbs. Bernie Haag is holding down second place with a 4¾ lb. summer flounder while Charlie Bogt is in third place with a 4 pounder.

ATLANTIC BEACH

At **Henning's Fishing Station**, Sy Rubin reported snappers all over and crabs plentiful in Woodmere Channel. The biggest kind of fluke at Ambrose on sandeels while fluking in Reynold's Channel was described as fair. Bluefishing outside



Loren Sperling, his father Marvin, Al Dobbs, and Dave Goldberg shown with a load of big weaks, blues, and bonito taken on spoons and umbrellas at Ambrose Channel. Fishing was done aboard the charter boat "Kim."

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the Inlet has been up and down. Some good catches of fluke and weakfish were made at the Tin Can Grounds over the weekend. Diamond jigs and trolled umbreall rigs took weaks as well as some bluefish. Sy also knew of a couple of tuna taken at the Mud Hole also on the weekend.

ROCKAWAYS

Mike at **Seamans Bait** reports that near TSS, which is Mott's Creek, there are plenty of sand porgies to be caught on sand and bloodworms. Plenty of blueclaw crabs on bunker, killies and traps. Silver Hole at Cross Bay Bridge is producing 2-4 lb. blues and 10 lb. class tiderunner weaks on bunker chunks on incoming. A few small bass at the radar pier on soft shell crabs. A few fluke at the Rockaway Inlet. Some blackfish on fiddlers and green crab at Floyd Bennett field's cement jetties. Lots of snappers on spearing and sand eels.

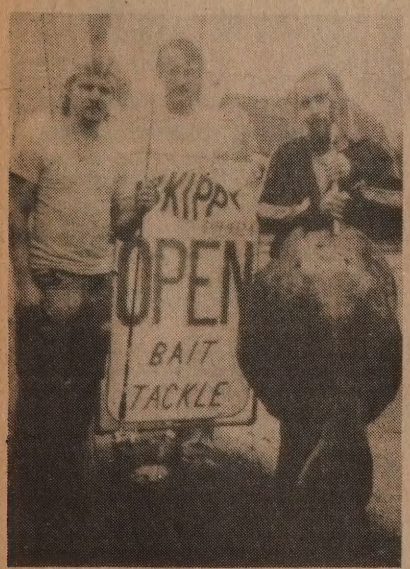
SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The **Big Mohawk II** reported bluefish and weakfish were jigged on the black side of Ambrose on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of last week. The blues were small running in the 1½ to 3 pound range, weakfish in the 10 to 12 pound range and catches were 10 to 15 fish per person. Friday morning the boat anchored in Squash Channel and fished with chunk bait for 12 to 15 lb. blues. In the evening fares hit blues from 6 to 8 lbs. and bonito from 5 to 6 lbs., baitfishing the Klondike area. On Saturday, Klondike produced the same kind of action. On Sunday the boat found bluefish readings everywhere they went but the blues were not hitting, although some nice 19 pound choppers were taken from the chum slick.

The **Dorothy B** has been experiencing some super fluke fishing at the Tin Can Grounds and in Ambrose Channel. Saturdays fishing was off because of the rotten weather, but good fishing returned on Sunday with high hook taking 20 nice sized fluke averaging 2 to 5 lbs. Average catch ran around 8 fluke per person with no fish under 2 pounds and pool fish up to 6 pounds.

The **Elsie K III** tells of fabulous fluking to the tune of over 1,000 fluke taken over the week, all over 3 lbs. Three to six lb. fluke predominate. Stupendous big fluke are here right now, fellas, so don't say we didn't tell you. Action is at Ambrose and Sandy Hook Channels.

Tom Lauro at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** says that from the Highlands to the Rockaways blues, snappers and weaks are being taken on diamond jigs and bananas. It's also a slaughter on big fluke with tons of boats working in close with spering, sand eels and snapper bait. The open boat **Avenger** got a 125 lb. white marlin on a night trip this week which they hit with a gaff when it came in close in a chum slick intended for bluefish. Snappers and butterfish and blueclaw crabs in strong.



This 55 lb. stingray surprised angler Gary Heim while bucktailing under the Meadowbrook Bridge. Fish was taken on 12 lb. test in 45 min. Photo courtesy of Skippy's Bait and Tackle.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny of **Santo's Sport Shop** had a real good story for us this week. It seems that Gil Haas, Al Malanga, Adolph Malanga, and George Gross were intent on some bluefish down off of Cedar Grove in Gil's 17 foot outboard when they noticed a disturbance on the surface and went over to investigate. Barely alive but still kicking was a 10 foot long 230 lb. swordfish with a tailrope still attached. The group of anglers took the fish aboard and you can imagine the stir they created upon returning to the dock with such a prize. At the time of this report the unlucky anglers who lost the fish still had yet to surface. Lenny reported good action for the families in Great Kills Harbor where snappers, crabs and sand porgies are all in abundance. Fluke fishing has been good from the Great Kills Bug Light to old Orchard Light. Most of these fish run 2 to 3 lbs. while West Bank Light has been producing fish in the 2 to 5 lb. class. Inside the bay buoys 39 and 46 have been producing weakfish and small blues for those fishing bait and trolling single tubes. A few bass in the 4 to 6 lb. class being worm trolled at Hoffman and Swinburn Islands.

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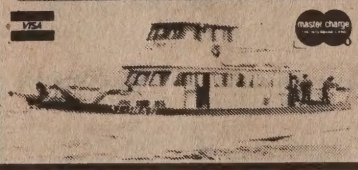

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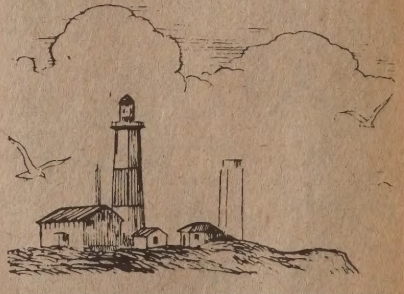

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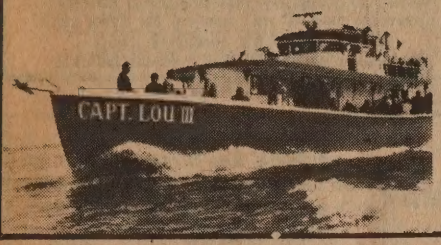

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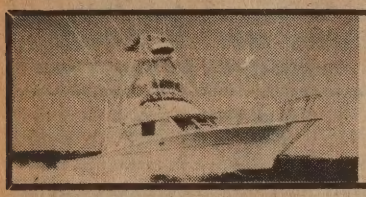

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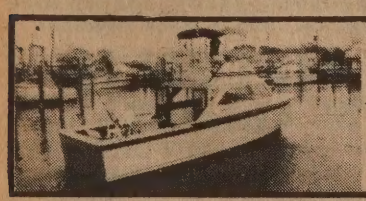

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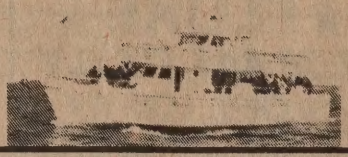

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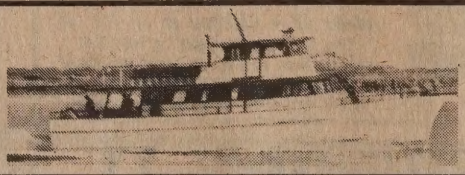

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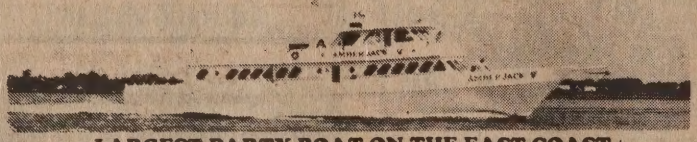

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WEAKS

GREENPORT

A.P. White Bait Shop reported that very good porgy action continues east of Gardiner's Island and also south of Plum Island. Art mentioned that the open boat **Brand X** has been making hay with these fish. The fluke fishing picked up again this week east of the Ruins. Most of the fish taken were on spearing, sandeels and squid strips. Bluefish in the 5 to 8 lb. class being taken in good numbers on the north side of Plum Island by those using Ava and Tri-Fin diamond jigs. Bass fishing perked up this week at the Sluiceway where quite a few fish in the teens and twenties were taken by anglers drifting bucktail and pork rind combos. Porgies along the Sound Beaches and loads of snappers at all the local docks.

SOUTHOLD

Ace at the **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** reported a good showing of weaks in the Bay. These are mostly small fish and are being taken on squid strips and sandworms. Some of the spots that produced well in recent days include buoys 14 and 17, the Middle Ground, and south of buoy 18 in 20 feet of water. Kingfish mixed in with the weaks at the latter spot. Quite a few small porgies scattered throughout the bay also. At the Orient Station, Ace told us of good fishing for porgies in the 1 to 1½ lb. class right out in front of the station. Good fishing for small blacks at the Light and off of Mulford Point. A few fluke being picked up along the stretch from the station to Truman's Beach. This is on spearing, sandeels and squid. Plenty of blues up to 6 lbs. scattered around the Sound and also in the Gut. A couple of anglers continue to make some very nice catches of flounder off of Long Beach on worm bait.

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Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports both weakfish and kingfish averaging 1½ to 2 lbs., at the Rose Grove on squid and sandworms. Best fishing has been in close near the Tower. The porgies, mixed sizes up to 1½ lbs. at the Middle Grounds on clam and worm bait. At Nassau Point there are loads of porgies, but these fish run smaller than those at the Middle Grounds.

AQUEBOGUE

From **Warren's Bait & Tackle** came word of good porgy action at Robin's Island. This is on worms and clams. Chumming greatly improves your chance of scoring heavily. Small blues and weaks in many locations in the bay being taken on squid and sandworms. Out in the Sound diamond jigs are taking their share of bluefish while bucktail and pork rind combos have been resulting in some good bass scores for those fishing the Gut in recent days. Picky fluke action along Sound Beaches but worth giving it a try.

SAG HARBOR

The **Wilhelric** reports porgy fishing remains excellent this past Saturday and Sunday working east of Gardiner's, the south side of Plum and the north side of Gull plus three secret holes. Porgies up to 3 lbs. were bouncing on the deck Saturday. Fish are mixed sizes and there are good numbers of jumbos. There were more jumbos towards the end of the week, with the settling down of the winds. Catches averaged 40-50 porgies per man.

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BLUES

ROCKY POINT

Stan of the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reports good bluefish action for boatmen trolling umbrella rigs south of buoys 9 and 11. This action is not as hectic as it had been, but can still be rated as good. Porgy fishing has slowed down since last week's blow and Stan described the fluke fishing and bass action as bad.

MT. SINAI HBR.

Ralph's Fishing Station reports lots of medium size porgies in close along the Rocks on clams and worms. Plenty of blues spread around the Sound with boats averaging anywhere from 25 to 40 choppers apiece. Most of the fish run 1½ to 3 lbs. with an occasional bonito in the 5 lb. class mixed in. Spoons and umbrella rigs are producing most of the action. Plenty of snappers all over the area.

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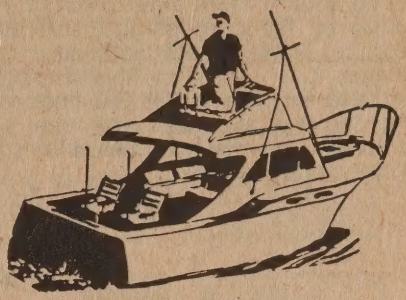

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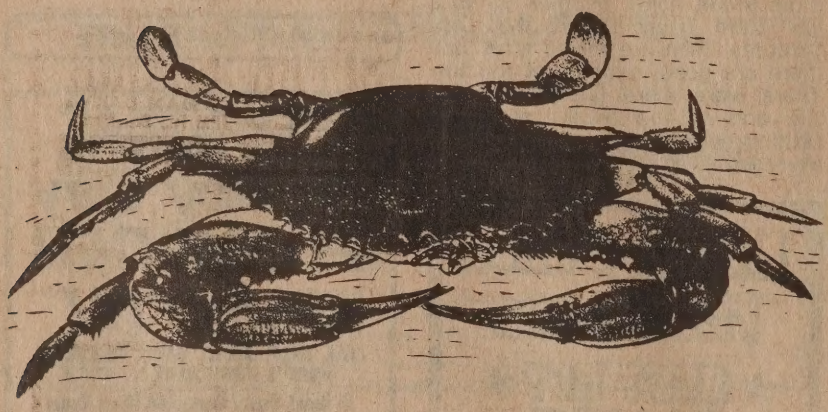
catch. As many fish were also sold in Connecticut and Rhode Island, this figure is undoubtedly much higher.

It should be noted at this point that although many charterboats were involved in this incident, discarding their guise as "sportfishermen" and demonstrating that they were only out for the quick buck, the vast majority of charter and private boats were outraged at the incident and refused to become involved and wanted to know what N.M.F.S. was going to do about it. As a direct result of the many calls and official complaints made by The Long Island Fisherman to the National Marine Fisheries Service, N.M.F.S. has launched an official investigation into this entire matter. L.I.F. will follow this investigation and keep our readers informed as to its outcome. If N.M.F.S. does not come down hard in this matter and heavily fine all those who took part, we're afraid that the future enforcement of fisheries law will become a joke and the tuna conservation program will fall apart.

Scott F. Simons



Chuck and Ken with 31 blues up to 6½ lbs. taken jigging at buoy 11. Photo courtesy of Tackle Shack Sportsman's Center.

at Mt. Misery Point and Buoy 11. Porgies mixed in size up to 2 lbs. being taken on clams and worms at Old Field Point. Lots of snappes and sand porgies inside the Harbor.

Tackle Shack Sportsmans Center in Medford tells of plenty of blues and weaks in the buoy 11 area being trolled or jigged, in the 4-7 lb. range. Fluke starting to show in gooc numbers along the beach at the pink mansion. Live snapper working best with local squid and spearing combos working well also. Porgies by the dozens in Port Jeff harbor on sand worms and chum. Snappers everywhere! Great crabs at the Patchogue Dock, nets are night and traps during the day.

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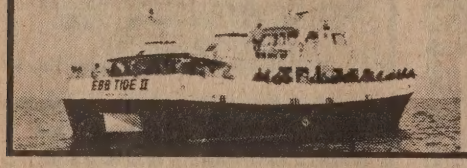

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Steven Schwerdtfege hefts the 17 lb. chopper he took at Lloyd's Pt. on diamond jig and tube. Photo courtesy of Salty's Bait and Tackle.

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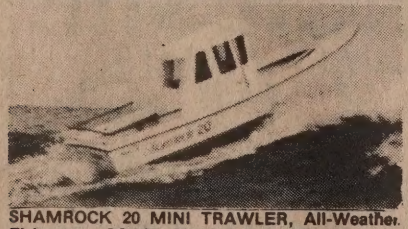

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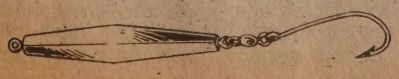

KINGS PARK

Karen from **O.K. Bait & Tackle** told us of very good bluefish and porgy action in the area. On Saturday, George Savvas had 100 good sized porgies. On Sunday his brother Steve singlehandedly put away 150 porgies. Both catches were made off of Sunken Meadow on worms and clams. The mouth of the river is "loaded" with 2 to 3 lb. blues. Norman Schwartz plugged over 100 choppers on the weekend while Alfie Dwier and Paul Bruno returned with the station's first pair of green bonito, each weighing about 5 lbs. Snappers very abundant.

Artie of **Ski and Sea** called to say that Sunday Bill Rosenwald boated 18 blues up to 6 lbs. in 10' of water ff the mansion using jointed Rebels and Atom plugs. Bluefishing has been good in the area and also lots of snappers in the water off the beaches.

HUNTINGTON

George of **Four Winds Bait & Tackle** reports that on Friday Rob, James, Bill and their father, Bob Schneider landed 80 blues from 3 to 6 lbs. and returned on Saturday to put away 98 more of the choppers. All the action was in the early morning hours on Ava 27 jigs and Tri-Fin tear drop jigs. The site of the fishing both days was the Obstruction Buoy. Some big blues along with a few bass mixed in still being trolled on umbrella rigs in the Rip at Eaton's Neck. Three to 5 lb. blues keep anglers busy at Buoy 15 during the early morning. Porgies in the ¾ to1½ lb. class are being taken at Eaton's Neck and the Lilco loading platform. Best baits are clams and worms. A few nice fluke being picked up on snappers at buoy 13. Plenty of snappers in all the Harbors and bluefish in the 10 to 15 lb. class beginning to pop up in Cold Spring Harbor. These fish being taken on bunker chunks.

Ronnie's Bait & Tackle reports that the Rip at Eaton's Neck producing some bass in the 8 to 15 lb. class along with some bluefish on trolled umbrellas and bucktails. Best bluefishing has been at the Obstruction Buoy where 1½ to 3 pounders have been jumping all over diamond jigs. Wire line and bucktails trolled in 20' of water off of Callahan's continues to produce some bass and big blues. Ten to 15 lb. bluefish being taken by boatmen in Cold Spring Harbor on bunker chunks in the early a.m. Loads of snappers in the harbor.

The **Ever Ready** reports that since August 10 blues have been a steady number. Thursday, Bob Cohn of the Bronx boated 12 blues. Friday evening, 11-yr.-old Brian Zapata of South Huntington took a blue 24 seconds after the lines-in whistle blew. Rich Troxler took the largest blue and also the pool with a 9 lb. 6 oz. fluke. Captain Don recommends his 4AM to Noon Saturday run for biggest catches.

Captain Ray of the charter boat **Eclipse** tells us the northwest winds throughout the past week hurt the North Shore fishing, but even so on Saturday his charter for Jack Ahern and 12-yr.-old son Brian resulted in a satisfying catch of blues in the late morning when the Sound flattned out. This was Brian's first bluefish trip. Fish were in the 3-4 lb. range and fell to umbrellas. Thursday and Friday saw fair bluefishing despite the winds.

NORTH SHORE WEST END
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BLUES

COLD SPRING Hbr.

Mark at **Salty's Bait & Tackle** told us that Ava 27 jigs and umbrella rigs take many small bluefish at buoy 15. Mark called the porgy fishing "good" and the fluking "lousy". Best porgy action has been at Center Island and Marshall Field where the fish are good sized and in recent days, plentiful as well. Chum and worm bait is the ticket to a good catch. The only weakfish action since last week has been on sandworms. Mike Forte worm trolled 17 weaks along the Huntington shore one night late last week.

The weakfish displayed here by Walter Voss was a pool winner aboard the party boat "Ebb Tide II."

GLEN COVE

Capt. Joe of the **Lady Lil II** called to report some real fine action with 2 to 6 lb. blues and a few bonito at Eaton's and Lloyd's Neck. This is all diamond jigging. At night, Capt. Joe said that they have been taking some real aligator blues in the 10 to 20 lb. class on bunker bait in Hempstead Harbor.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait & Tackle reported since last week's blow, big bluefish have made their presence felt. Jack's grandson Mike Decuffa and friends, fished Stepping Stone Light recently and took 7 blues from 9 to 15 lbs. Plenty of small bass being wormed trolled at Hart's Island and Execution Light. Jack called the porgy fishing "good" at Execution Light, Hart's Island and the CBS Tower. A few blacks starting to show again. These are being taken on fiddlers which Jack has in stock.

SURF REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Last week's north winds and cool temperatures did disappointingly little to improve the surf scene as of this writing. The bluefishing which had been pretty solid along Wading River and Shoreham Beaches for the past several weeks, slumped noticeably, though some fish were still being picked away at in this area.

In Staten Island, a good run of big blues seems to be developing for casters in the vicinity of Great Kills Park. The south side of Montauk has seen sporadic flurries of action with small blues but this fishing can be termed erratic at best.

For many of us, we will continue to pick away and anxiously await September's first good nor'easter and the mullet it sends pouring out of the Island's shallow bays. Keep after your tackle and make sure its ready for those fast approaching days of September and October. The fall should be spent waist-deep in the suds, not repairing tackle.

This is the way things look after rounding up whatever reports we could from one end of the Island to the other. Once again, those wishing to contribute info can contact me at (516)725-4200.

SOUTH SHORE: EAST END

At **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in Montauk came word of some small blues being taken along the south side from Ditch Plains to Hither Hills State Park. Most of the choppers are in the 3 to 5 lb. class and are being taken on both tins and plugs. The fish have been roaming up and down the beaches and you just have to be there when they show. Best time seems to be late afternoon until sunset. Shagwong, has also had a showing of small blues as well as a few small bass mixed in. Some of the bass taken were shorts. This too is on tin and plugs and a few small blues show up occasionally from North Bar to the Light. No weakfish along the beaches this past week with the exception of one fish taken on a worm bait meant for stripers. Johnny said bass news is non-existent.

Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Bait & Tackle** in Shinnecock reported some action with bluefish in the 5 to 8 lb. class along the beach at Southampton. Tin is taking most of the fish while casters using whole sandworms take a few weakfish during the early morning hours.

SOUTH SHORE: WEST END

Mark Matunas called to report that he and Jimmy Johnston fished Democrat Point at daybreak last Thursday morning and found a school of bluefish chasing bait on the surface. Hopkins produced 11 choppers from 3 to 7 lbs. before the school moved off the beach.

At **The Store** in Oak Beach, the word was that everything is quiet along the local beach front.

Gary Mims and Marc Wagner used bunker chunks to take these three stripers from 18 to 40 lbs. Fish were taken from the West Gilgo surf and weighed in at The Store.

Sy Rubin at **Henning's Station**, Atlantic Beach, reported that a few bass continue to be taken at the Silver Point Jetty. He knew of several fish taken there during the past several days but did not know what was used to take them.

In Staten Island, the word from Lenny of **Santo's Sport Shop** was that casters have been taking bluefish in the 10 to 12 lb. class along with some 6 to 7 lb. weakfish from New Dorp to Great Kills Park. Chunk bait, tins and swimmers such as the Atom and Danny, have all accounted for their share of fish. The South Beach area has been producing smaller blues, fish in the 6 lb. class with an occasional big weakfish mixed in. This is early morning and early evening fishing with bait.

NORTH SHORE: WEST END

Jack's Bait & Tackle in City Island told us that big bluefish in the 10 to 15 lb. class make a showing at the City Island Bridge early every morning. There are loads of bunker in the area and bunker chunks are the ticket to taking these big choppers. Plenty of school bass being taken in Turtle Cove and at Hunter Island. These fish are being taken on worms, bucktails and small Rebel and Red-Fin swimmers.

At **Salty's** in Cold Spring Harbor, Mark told us that for those who can gain access to Marshall Field, weakfish are being taken on sandworms Mark has had no word at all on bass in the area.

At **Ronnie's Bait & Tackle** in Huntington, Ronnie Ferrara lamented the poor surf action in the area. Since the storm of last week, the local surf has been dead.

NORTH SHORE: EAST END

At **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, Stan reported spotty bluefish action along local Sound Beaches since last week's northeaster. A few fish are still being taken however. No bass or weakfish taken this past week. Stan witnessed a novice angler beach a 10 lb. blue near Hagerman's Sunday afternoon.

A.P White Bait Shop in Greenport volunteered word that bunker chunks have been taking a few bass and blues in recent days along the Sound shore from East Marion to Orient.

CAPE REPORT

Red Top Bait Shop reported a good week in the canal with both bass and bluefish keeping casters busy. Also some nice bass taken on bait off of Sandy Neck. Further out on the Cape regulars have been taking some decent fish and the fishing appears to be on an upward trend.

HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	9:03	9:13	9:53	10:08	9:47	9:57	10:37	10:48	12:45	1:00	12:07	12:28	8:55	9:12	8/23
FRI.	9:40	9:46	10:27	10:40	10:26	10:32	11:13	11:25	1:00	1:10	12:43	1:03	9:34	9:50	8/24
SAT.	10:15	10:20	11:02	11:16	11:02	11:03	11:49	–	1:12	1:28	1:18	1:38	10:13	10:27	8/25
SUN.	10:52	10:56	11:38	11:51	11:34	11:32	12:02	12:28	1:41	1:58	1:54	2:13	10:53	11:08	8/26
MON.	11:29	11:33	–	12:16	–	12:06	12:41	1:08	2:18	2:35	2:31	2:51	11:34	11:49	8/27
TUE.	–	12:11	12:29	12:59	12:04	12:41	1:25	1:50	2:58	3:17	3:12	3:35	–	12:17	8/28
WED.	12:16	12:57	1:09	1:46	12:43	1:21	2:12	2:39	3:44	4:04	3:58	4:21	12:34	1:08	8/29
THUR.	1:06	1:49	2:02	2:41	1:29	2:11	3:07	3:33	4:34	4:56	4:49	5:13	1:30	2:04	8/30

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet..... —0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	— 0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	— 0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	— 0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	— 0 12
Seaside Park	— 0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	— 0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	— 0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	— 0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	— 0 02
Rehoboth Beach	— 0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	— 0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	— 0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	— 0 38
Democrat Point	— 0 38
Coast Guard Station	— 0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	— 0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	— 0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	— 0 08
Herod Point	— 0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	— 0 20
Truman Beach	— 0 42
Falkner Island	— 0 13
Sachem Head	— 0 10
Branford Harbor	— 0 07
New Haven Harbor	— 0 08
Milford Harbor	— 0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	— 0 03
Saugatuck River	— 0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	— 0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	— 0 14
Montauk Inlet	— 0 25
Montauk Point	— 1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	— 0 33
Noank, Mystic River	— 0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	— 0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	— 0 10
Execution Light	— 0 06
Manhasset Bay	— 0 01
Hempstead Harbor	— 0 11
City Island	— 0 03
Rye Beach	— 0 28
Port Chester	— 0 09
Mamaroneck	— 0 08
New Rochelle	— 0 24
Davids Island	— 0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	— 0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	— 0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	— 0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	— 0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	— 0 08
Point Judith Harbor	— 0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	— 0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

8/4	5:56	8:15
8/9	6:01	8:09
8/14	6:06	8:02
8/19	6:11	7:56
8/24	6:17	7:47
8/29	6:22	7:40

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
8/22	8/30	8/8	8/14

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	5:30	—	6:00	12:10
Fri.	6:20	12:30	6:45	12:55
Sat.	7:05	1:20	7:30	1:40
Sun.	7:55	2:05	8:15	2:30
Mon.	8:45	2:50	9:00	3:15
Tues.	9:30	3:40	9:50	4:05
Wed.	10:20	4:25	10:35	4:55
Thurs.	11:10	5:25	11:35	5:50

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